

Worship 2019 Pt. 3

Pastor James Foley – Shared Sunday, October 20, 2019

Main Theme – Delving into an extended series on the function/operation of a Pentecostal people.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regular Events**
 - Potluck Supper – Taking Place the Final Sunday of the Month
 - Men's Ministry – Saturday, November 9, Starting @ 9am
 - W.M. – Tuesday PM, November 12, from 6:30–8pm
- **Special Events**
 - OCC Collection Week – Bring in Shoeboxes on Sunday, Nov. 17 or 24
 - Max & Lauren Brockmeyer – A.G. Missionaries to Join us on Nov. 17

MORNING OFFERING

At this time, I want to call forth our ushers.

-Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the Lord/His work

-Your giving fuels the work of Christ in and through this church

May the Lord bless you as you give! May you experience His faithfulness in kind!

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

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- **CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
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INTRODUCTION

As always it is wonderful to see you. I look forward to these moments of weekly worship and instruction. I pray that you are ready to receive what the Lord has for you today. Please have your Bible at the ready and be prepared to take some notes.

SETTING THE STAGE PT. 1

In recent weeks we have been addressing—at some length—the topic of WORSHIP. Since worship is an integral part of Christian faith and practice—and since a passion for worship is a hallmark of a genuine move of the Holy Spirit—worship is a topic worthy of ongoing address.

Q. WHAT is worship (biblically-speaking)?

A. Worship is defined as the **EXPRESSION** of our devotion, reverence and adoration to a God who is most **WORTHY**. The most common term for worship in the NT (Greek) literally means “to prostrate oneself; to kneel before as an act of reverence” (stemming from a root word that refers to the act of a dog licking the hand of its master).

Q. WHY do we worship (biblically-speaking)?

A. WE WORSHIP GOD FOR...

1) Who He Is – When we consider the unmatched **PERFECTIONS** of His nature (e.g., His love, goodness, mercy and grace, compassion, power, holiness, etc.) how can we **NOT** properly respond with the expression of our love, reverence and devotion!

2) What He Has Done/Is Doing – When we consider what God has done for us in seasons **PAST** and what He is doing for us in the **PRESENT** (PLUS His work in countless lives throughout space and time), how can we **NOT** respond with the expression of love, reverence and devotion!

3) What He Promises to Do – When we consider **ALL** that God has **IN STORE** for those who belong to Him by faith (for both **TIME** and **ETERNITY**), how can we **NOT** respond with the expression of our love, reverence and devotion!

SETTING THE STAGE PT. 2

KEY – Today I want to ADVANCE our discussion on worship by considering a significant question:

Q. HOW are we to worship?

Since we have addressed the WHAT and the WHY of worship, let us consider the HOW of worship.

FYI A – As in previous weeks, I would like to answer this question based upon content presented in the Book of Psalms. Of course, we will consider content from other portions of Scripture as well.

FYI B – We will respond to this question by considering TWO distinct arenas of thought:

1) How are We to Worship (Spiritual)? Recognizing worship is ultimately a spiritual expression.

2) How are We to Worship (Physical)? Recognizing that our bodies play a role (Temple of H.S.).

FYI C – We will take two or so weeks to thoroughly answer these questions.

HOW PT. 1 A

KEY – Let us begin by addressing the question:

Q. How are We to Worship (Spiritual)? Recognizing worship is ultimately a SPIRITUAL expression.

1) We Are to Worship with All of Our Heart

Psalms 86:12–13 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

12 I will praise you, Lord my God, **with all my heart**;

I will glorify your name forever.

13. For great is your love toward me;

you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead

Psalms 138:1a (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart . . .

Q. Is there a biblical example of this?

Luke 7:36–50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

2) We Are to Worship with Thanksgiving

Psalm 95:1–3 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him **with thanksgiving**
and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5. The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Psalm 100:4–5 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

- 4 Enter his gates **with thanksgiving**
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Q. Is there a biblical example of this?

Luke 17:11–17

- 11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13
and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”
- 14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they
were cleansed.
- 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He
threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned
to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has
made you well.”

3) We Are to Worship Him with Gladness

Psalm 100:1–3 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord **with gladness**;
 come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Q. Is there a biblical example of this?

2 Samuel 6:11–16, 20–23 (Context – David is Moving the Ark to Jerusalem)

11 The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

12 Now King David was told, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

16 As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

20 When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

21 David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

23 And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

4) We Are to Worship Him in the Beauty of Holiness

Psalm 29:1–2 (ESV, Emphasis Mine)

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the **splendor [beauty] of holiness.**

God has no desire to hear the expression of our love for Him if there is no love for Him evident in our lives. If you love me, you will obey me (cf. John 14:15)

God has no desire to hear the expression of your reverence and devotion if there is no evidence of fearful devotion in the manner in which you live your life. Why call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say? (Luke 6:46)

ILL – In the same way that a wife who is being cheated on is unimpressed by the box of chocolates and well-worded love note given by her husband, so God is unimpressed by HOLLOW words when there are no corresponding actions.

Q. Is there a biblical example of this?

Isaiah 1:10–17

10 Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
11 “The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the Lord.
“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
14 Your New Moon feasts and your
appointed festivals

I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands in
prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

16 Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
17 Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

5) We Are to Worship Him at All Times

Psalm 34:1–3 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

- 1 I will extol the Lord **at all times**;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

Q. Is there a biblical example of this?

Acts 16:16–34

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” 18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. 20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar 21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

6) We Are to Worship in Union with Others

Psalm 34:1–3 (NIV, Emphasis Mine)

- 1 I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

HOW PT. 1 B

KEY – SPIRITUALLY-speaking we are to worship the Lord...

- 1. With Our Whole Heart**
- 2. With Thanksgiving**
- 3. With Gladness (Joyfully)**
- 4. In the Beauty Of Holiness**
- 5. At All Times (Continually)**
- 6. In Union with Others**