The Way of a Worshiper

September Sermon Series



"Worship is simply giving God His breath back."

"Any man or woman on this earth who is bored or turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

The Protocol of Worship

Lesson Four



Scripture Lesson Psalm 100

Psalm 100, Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you land! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

A protocol is a set of step-by-step guidelines.

I. Raise Your Voice to God "....Shout to the Lord."

Psalm 100:1, Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you land!

Psalm 98:4, Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Psalm 66:1, Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Psalm 67:4, Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples justly and lead the nations of the earth. Selah.

Psalm 95:1, Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 98:4, Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth--let your cry ring out, and sing praises!

II. Render Honor to God "Serve the Lord with gladness"

Honor is "showing esteem for one deserving of respect, attention, or obedience."

Deuteronomy 28:47-48, Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

I Chronicles 28:9, As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

III. Draw Near to God with Singing

"Come before Him with joyful songs"

Music is a sacrifice of praise not a synonym for worship.

Three Reasons We Sing in Worship:

- +Singing Fuels Our Love for God.
- +Singing is an Expression of Body, Mind, and Heart.
 - +Singing Unifies the Church.

IV. Acknowledge God "Acknowledge that the Lord is God"

V. Open the Door to God

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise"

Extolling the Lord means you start telling our Father everything that is great about Himself. When you "extol" the Lord, you take a good, hard look at Him and tell Him exactly what You see.

Praise is not worship. It sets the stage for worship. Praise anticipates what is to come, entering the presence of God. Praise precedes worship. Praise is the way into worship, and worship is the way into an encounter with the living God.

Praise is the vehicle into God's presence, and worship is what we do once we get into God's presence.

Psalm 22:3, But You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

VI. Give Thanks to God "Give thanks to Him"

VII. Bless the Name of God "Praise His name!"

Hebrews 13:15, Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. Psalm 96:2-3, Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

VIII. The Goodness and Mercy of God

"For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting"

Good is good all the time, all the time, God is good!