Part I "Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!"

Various Scriptures INTRODUCTION REVIEW Conversation

"A 'True Heart of Worship' is molded and fashioned around the **12 Double Pillars of the** Worship Service. These Pillars have been handed down in one form or another from the time of the Exodus from Egypt to the Establishment of God's Chosen People in the Promised Land. They are also found throughout the Torah / Law of the Old Testament Scriptures."

"However, these Ancient Paths are all but lost to us today, in our fast paced lifestyle both during the work week, and on Sunday morning in our church worship service. Nevertheless, I will endeavor to help us to rediscover, contemplate, and implement, these ancient paths into our everyday lives, and our life together, over the next five weeks."

Ancient Paths & Obedience

"<u>Thus Says the Lord</u>: "Stand in the <mark>Ways</mark> and see, and ask for the <u>Ancient Paths</u>, where the Good Way Is, and <u>Walk in Them</u>; then <u>you will find rest for your souls</u>!" But they replied, "We will not walk in <u>Them</u>!" Jeremiah 6:16

So, Let's Review These Ancient Paths & Their Supporting Pillars:

12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service

Worship In Song 1. Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms) 2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit) Worship In the Word 3. Preaching & Teaching (Hermeneutics: Historical & Theological) 4. Conviction & Repentance (Heart / Soul Sorrow & Salvation) 5. Admonish & Rebuke (Correction & Restoration) Worship In the Spirit 6. Awe & Majesty (Presence & Relationship) 7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength) 8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification) Worship In His Will 9. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation) 10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude) Worship In Communion 11. Edification & Encouragement (Instruction & Uplifting) 12. Fellowship & Friendship (Community & Companionship) This Week's Investigation, Contemplation, & Implementation Will Focus On The First Form Of Worship: Worship In Song 1) Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms) **Scriptural Roots of Praise** (Acclaim / Honor)

Noun - Object / Thing

Acclaim: "To praise & make known His Name above all other names!"

Honor: "To enhance the knowledge, reputation, & reverence of God among the people!" For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were <u>Chiefs of the Singers</u>, and <u>Songs of Praise</u> and <u>Thanksgiving to God</u>. Nehemiah 12:46

King David Cried Out, "Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord! Call upon His Name; make known His Deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, Sing Psalms to Him; talk of all His Wondrous Works! Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those Rejoice who Seek the Lord! Seek the Lord and His Strength; seek His Face evermore!"

David Writes, To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm. "Make a Joyful Shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the Honor of His Name; Make His Praise Glorious." ... "Oh, Bless Our God, you peoples! And make the Voice of His Praise to be heard!" Psalm 66:1-2 & 8

Paul Extols Us, "Therefore, by Him let us continually Offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God, that is,the Fruit of Our Lips, Giving Thanks to His Name."Hebrews 13:15

Scriptural Roots of Praise

(Extol / Glorify)

Verb - Action / Offering

Extol: "To highly revere the Sacred Name of God above all else!"

Glorify: "To bring attention to the Manifestation of God's Presence among His People!" David Cries, "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the Good News of His Salvation from day to day. Declare His Glory among the nations, His Wonders among all peoples. For the Lord Is Great and Greatly to be Praised; He Is also to be Feared above all gods."

1st Chronicles 16:23-25

David Writes, "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackclothand clothed me with gladness, To the end that my glory may Sing Praise to You and not beSilent. O Lord My God, I will Give Thanks to You Forever."Psalm 30:11-12

All Creation Shall Praise the Lord

"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, All His Angels; Praise Him, All His Hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them Praise the Name of the Lord, for He commanded, and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; Fire and hail, snow and clouds; ..."

... "stormy wind, fulfilling His Word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children. Let them Praise the Name of the Lord, For His Name alone is Exalted; His Glory is above the earth and heaven. And He has exalted the Horn of His People, the Praise of All His Saints, the Children of Israel, a People near to Him. Praise the Lord!"

Many Forms of Praise Are Worthy

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary; Praise Him in His Mighty Firmament! Praise Him for His Mighty Acts; Praise Him according to His Excellent Greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let Everything that has breath Praise the Lord. (And Again I Say) Praise the Lord!"

More On Praise

See More: Psalms 22:22-25 (For His Sacrifice on the Cross), Exodus 15:1-3 & Psalm 63:1-3 (God of War & Deliverance), Psalm 89 (For His Steadfast Love & Mercy), Luke 2:13-14 (Birth – Angels), Luke 19:37-38 (Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem), & Acts 3:6-10 (For Healing)

Scriptural Roots of Worship

(Bow / Revere)

Noun - Object / Thing

Bow: "To bend the head & body down in an act of humility, reverence, & submission!" Revere: "To come before God with a sense of deepfelt awe, fear, & commitment!"

David Proclaims, "All the Earth shall Worship You, and Sing Praises to You; they shall Sing Praises to Your Name!" "Selah!" Psalms 66:4

The Samaritan Woman at the well said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet. Our fathers Worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to Worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, Worship the Father. You Worship what you do not know; we know what we Worship, for Salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the True Worshipers will Worship the Father in Spirit and Truth; for the Father is seeking Such to Worship Him. God is Spirit, and Those Who Worship Him must Worship in Spirit and Truth!"

Scriptural Roots of Worship

(Awe / Prostrate)

Verb - Action / Offering

Awe: "To come before God in a reverent attitude of admiration, fear, & worship!"

Prostrate: "To submit your body & will in full humility & surrender to God's Presence & Power!" ⁸ The Four Living Creatures, Each Having Six Wings, were Full of Eyes Around and Within. And They Do Not Rest 'Day or Night', <u>Saying</u>: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who Was and Is and Is to Come!" ⁹ Whenever the Living Creatures Give Glory and Honor and Thanks to Him Who <u>Sits on the Throne</u>, Who 'Lives Forever and Ever' ¹⁰ The Twenty-Four Elders <u>Fall Down Before</u> Him Who <u>Sits on the Throne</u> and <u>Worship</u> Him Who 'Lives Forever and Ever', and <u>Cast Their</u> Crowns Before the Throne, <u>Saying</u>: ¹¹ "You Are Worthy, O Lord, To Receive Glory and Honor and Power; For You Created <u>All Things</u>, and By Your Will <u>They</u> Exist, and <u>Were</u> Created!"

Worship in Heaven

¹¹ Then I (John) <u>Looked</u>, and I (John) <u>Heard the Voice</u> of <u>Many Angels Around the Throne</u>, the (Four) Living Creatures, and the (Twenty-Four) Elders; and the Number of Them (Angels) was Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand, and Thousands of Thousands, ¹² <u>Saying with a Loud</u> <u>Voice</u>: "Worthy Is the Lamb Who Was Slain ..."

... "<u>To Receive</u>: Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honor, Glory and Blessing (Praise)!" ¹³ And Every Creature Which Is In Heaven, On the Earth, Under the Earth, in the Sea, and All That Are in Them, <u>I Heard Saying</u>: "Blessing (Praise), Honor, Glory and Power Be to Him Who <u>Sits on the Throne</u>, and to the Lamb, Forever and Ever!" ¹⁴ Then the Four Living Creatures <u>Said</u>, "Amen!" And the Twenty-Four Elders <u>Fell Down</u> and <u>Worshiped</u> Him Who Lives Forever and Ever!

Then I (John) <u>Saw Another Angel</u> flying in the midst of heaven, having the <u>Everlasting Gospel to</u> <u>Preach</u> to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, <u>Saying with a</u> <u>Loud Voice</u>, "Fear God and Give Glory to Him, for the hour of His Judgment has come; and <u>Worship</u> Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Revelation 14:6-7

More On Worship

See More: Exodus 34:12-17 (Against False Worship & For True Worship) & Revelation 14:8-11 (False Worship of Satan & the Beast in the Last Days)

Personal Daily Question #1 "How Do I Implement Praise Into My Daily Life?"

Personal Daily Answer #1

A) I will enact a more daily purposeful plan to *Praise His Name* in Speech & Song
B) I will be more spontaneous throughout the course of my day

to give God <u>Multiple Shout Outs</u> to His Beautiful, Lovely, & Holy Name in Speech & Song C) I will join with all creatures & creation around me

and allow them to lead & inspire me into the **Praise of God** in Speech & Song Sunday Worship Question #1

"How Do We Implement Praise Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?" Sunday Worship Answer #1

A) The Worship Team & Each Leader must make a concerted daily effort to incorporate the above individual daily changes in order to enter into a daily **Praise of God** themselves, before praying or planning the Worship Services

B) As the Worship Team & Each Leader sense God's Leading in the Praise of His Name, they need to be sensitive to ways to help direct us into the <u>Ancient Paths of Worship</u>, that are being revealed to them daily throughout the course of the week

Personal Daily Question #2

"How Do I Implement Worship Into My Daily Life?" Personal Daily Answer #2

A) I will come completely under the Holy Spirit's

sway in my life and surrender my will to His Alone.

B) I will ask God's Spirit to allow me to see visions of heaven & angels all around me

and allow them to direct & join me in the worship of God daily throughout my day.

C) I will enter into a humble posture & intention

during my devotion, prayer, praise, & worship time daily with God

Sunday Worship Question #2

"How Do We Implement Worship Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?" Sunday Worship Answer #2

A) The Worship Team & Each Leader must make a concerted daily effort to incorporate the above individual daily changes in order to enter into a daily Worship of God themselves, before praying or planning the Worship Services

B) As the Worship Team & Each Leader strive to **Surrender Their Wills To His Spirit**, they need to be sensitive to ways to help direct us into <u>Our Own Surrender to His Will</u>,

that is being revealed & granted to them daily throughout the week

NEXT WEEK

Part II

"Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!"

Worship In the Word

2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit)