Part IX

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

Various Scriptures

REVIEW

"A 'True Heart of Worship' is molded and fashioned around the 12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service. 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, together we search out these ancient paths and strive to place them into our everyday lives, and our life together, over the next four weeks."

Ancient Paths & Obedience

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

Jeremiah 6:16

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)

Worship In His Will

8. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation)

Scriptural Roots of Prayer

(Conversation / Communion)

Noun - Object / Thing

Scriptural Roots of Praying

(Meditating / Contemplating)

Verb - Action / Offering

Prayer:

"A spiritual conversation & communion with God taking the form of: adoration, confession, offering, petition, supplication, or thanksgiving!"

Meditation:

"A deep contemplation in order to quiet and clear the mind of all distractions, inputs, & thoughts; so that the mind & spirit is focused only on God in order to clearly Hear His Voice & Will!"

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Scriptures Concerning Prayer

To the Chief Musician. With Flutes. A Psalm of David. "Give Ear to <u>My Words</u>, O Lord, Consider <u>My Meditation</u>. Give Heed to the Voice of <u>My Cry</u>, My King & My God, For to You <u>I Will Pray</u> For the Lord Has Heard the Voice of <u>My Weeping</u>. The Lord Has Heard <u>My Supplication</u>; the Lord Will Receive My Prayer!"

Psalm 5:1-2 & 6:8b-9

Thus Solomon finished the House of the Lord and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the House of the LORD and in his own house. Then the Lord Appeared (Epiphany) to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I Have Heard Your Prayer, and Have Chosen this Place for Myself as a House of Sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My People, IF My People who are called by My Name Will Humble Themselves, and Pray and Seek My Face, and Turn From Their Wicked Ways, THEN I Will Hear from Heaven, and Will Forgive Their Sin and Heal Their Land. Now My Eyes Will Be Open and My Ears Attentive to Prayer made in this Place!"

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom Come. Your Will Be Done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts (sins), as we forgive our debtors (indebted). And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever. Amen!"

Matthew 6:9b-13 & Luke 11:2-4

More On Prayer

See More: 1st Samuel 1:27 (God Grants Your Petition), 1 Chronicles 17:16-27 (David's Prayer Acknowledging God Hears & Acts), Proverbs 15:29, John 9:31, James 5:16b, & 1st Peter 3:12 (The Prayers of the Righteous Are Heard by God), Isaiah 56:7-8, Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-17, & Luke 19:45-46 (My House is a House of Prayer), Jonah 1:14-16 (Prayers of the Men on the Boat with Jonah), Jonah Chapter 2 (Prayer of Jonah & God's Response), Matthew 5:44 (Praying for Your Enemies & Persecutors), Matthew 14:23 & Luke 6:12 (Jesus Often Prayed Alone), Matthew 21:22 & Mark 11:24 (Pray in Faith & God Will Answer), Matthew 6:5-8 & 23:14 (False, Hypocritical, & Public Prayers Vs. True, Honest, & Solitude Prayers), Mark 14:32-42 (Jesus Prays Three Times in the Garden), Luke 18:1-8 (Persist in Prayer & Do Not Lose Heart), Luke 22:31-32, John Chapter 17, Romans 8:34, Philippians 1:4, Hebrews 7:25, James 5:16a, & 1st John 2:1 (Intercessory Prayer By Christ For Us) Acts 1:14 & 2:42 (Corporate Prayer in Unity), Nehemiah 1:1-4, Ezra 8:21-23, Daniel 9:3-5, Joel 2:12-13, Jonah 3:5-9, Luke 2:36-38, Acts 13:3-4 &14:23 (Prayer with Fasting in Scripture > (x70) Accomplishes Four Things: 1) Answers, 2) Miracles, 3) Repentance, & 4) Victories), Psalm 86:3, Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6, & 1st Thessalonians 5:16-17 (Pray Always Without Ceasing), James 5:16a (Prayer of Confession), 1st Peter 3:7 (Prayers of Unity in Marriage So That God Hears You), Jude 1:20 (Pray in the Holy Spirit & Faith), & Revelation 5:8 (Prayers of the Saints). **Scriptures Concerning Meditation & Contemplation**

To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A <u>Contemplation</u> of David. Give Ear to <u>My Prayer</u>, O God, and Do Not Hide Yourself From <u>My Supplication</u>. Attend to Me, and Hear Me; I Am Restless in <u>My Complaint</u>, and Moan Noisily ... <u>Cast Your Burden</u> on the Lord, and He Shall Sustain You: He Shall Never Permit the Righteous To Be Moved!"

Psalm 55:1-2 & 22

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but His Delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in His Law He Meditates Day and Night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Psalm of David. "Hear me when I call, O God of My Righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and Hear My Prayer. How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate Within Your Heart On Your Bed, and Be Still. 'Selah' Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."

"Let the <u>Words of My Mouth</u> and the <u>Meditation of My Heart</u> Be Acceptable in Your Sight, O Lord, My Strength and My Redeemer!" ... "When I remember You on my bed, <u>I Meditate</u> on You in the night watches.

Psalm 19:14 & 63:6

"I Will Sing to the Lord as long as I live; I Will Sing Praise to My God while I have my being.

May My Meditation Be Sweet to Him; I Will Be Glad in the Lord!" ... "I remember the days of old;

I Meditate On All Your Works; I Muse on the Work of Your Hands."

Psalm 104:33-34 & 143:5

"I Will Meditate on Your Precepts, and (I Will) Contemplate Your Ways. I Will Delight Myself in Your Statutes; I Will Not Forget Your Word." ... "But Your Servant Meditates on Your Statutes." ... "I Have Declared My Ways, and You Answered Me; Teach Me Your Statutes. Make Me Understand the Way of Your Precepts; So Shall I Meditate on Your Wonderful Works. ... "I Will Speak of Your Testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I Will Delight Myself in Your Commandments, Which I Love. My Hands also I Will Lift Up to Your Commandments, Which I Love, And I Will Meditate on Your Statutes." ... "But I Will Meditate on Your Precepts." ... "Oh, How I Love Your Law! It Is My Meditation All the Day. You, Through Your Commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for They are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your Testimonies Are My Meditation!" ... "I Cry Out with My Whole Heart; Hear me, O Lord! I Will Keep Your Statutes. I Cry Out to You; Save me, and I Will Keep Your Testimonies. I rise before the dawning of the morning, and Cry For Help; I Hope in Your Word. My Eyes Are Awake through the Night Watches, that I May Meditate on Your Word."

Psalm 119:15-16, 23b, 27, 46-48, 78c, 97-99, & 145-148

"This <u>Book of the Law</u> Shall Not Depart From Your Mouth, But <u>You Shall Meditate In It Day and Night</u>, that You May Observe To Do According To All That Is Written In It." Joshua 1:8ab

More On Meditation As Contemplation

See 13# Specific Contemplative Psalms: Psalm 32:1 (A Psalm of David. A Contemplation), Psalm 42:1 & 44:1 (To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation Of the Sons of Korah), Psalm 45:1 (To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Contemplation of the Sons of Korah. A Song of Love), Psalm 52:1 (To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of David When Doeg the Edomite Went and Told Saul, and Said to Him, "David Has Gone to the House of Ahimelech."), Psalm 53:1 (To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath." A Contemplation of David), Psalm 54:1 (To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Contemplation of David When the Ziphites Went and Said to Saul, "Is David Not Hiding with Us?"), Psalm 55:1 (To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Contemplation of David), Psalm 74:1 & 78:1 (A Contemplation of Asaph), Psalm 88:1 (A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath Leannoth." a Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite), Psalm 89:1 (A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite), Psalm 142:1 (Contemplation Of David. A Prayer When He Was in the Cave).

Scriptural Roots of Devotion
(Obedience / Perseverance)
Noun - Object / Thing
Scriptural Roots of Devoted
(Consecrated / Surrendered)
Verb - Action / Offering

Devotion

"Drawing Near to Jesus & Steadfastly Persevering with Him Daily. Devotion Gives Us

1) Passion & Power to Obey, 2) Heart of Compassion & Service, & 3) Spirit of Holiness & Humility!"

Devoted

"Attentive & Open to the Spirit of God in a Moment by Moment Reliance Of:

- 1) Contemplation, 2) Comprehension, & 3) Consecration for God's Use & God's Use Alone!"

 Scriptures Concerning Devotion On A Daily Basis
 - 1) "Rising Early in the Day & Seeking God & Coming Together In God's Presence"
 - 2) "Vigilant Late in the Day Seeking God & Coming Together In God's Presence"
 - 3) "Praying & Devotions (x3) a Day; Increased to (x5-6) or a Complete (x7) In 'Times of Great Need & Urgency'"
 - 4) "Calling Daily on the Name of the Lord in Prayer & Devotion"

To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A <u>Contemplation</u> of David. "Give Ear to <u>My Prayer</u>, O God, and Do Not Hide Yourself From <u>My Supplication</u>. Attend to Me, and Hear Me; I Am Restless in <u>My Complaint</u>, and Moan Noisily." ... * "As for me, <u>I Will Call Upon God</u>, and the <u>Lord Shall Save Me</u>. <u>Evening</u>, and <u>Morning</u>, and at <u>Noon I Will Pray</u>, and <u>Cry Aloud</u>, and <u>He Shall Hear My Voice</u>." * ... "Cast <u>Your Burden</u> on the Lord, and <u>He Shall Sustain You</u>; <u>He Shall Never Permit</u> the Righteous To Be Moved!"

More On Devotion(s)

See More: "Rising Early & Seeking God & Coming Together In God's Presence": Genesis 22:3, & 28:16-18, Exodus 24:4, 1st Samuel 1:19, 2nd Chronicles 29:20, Job 1:5, Psalm 57:8, & 119:147, Song of Songs 7:12, Matthew 28:1, Mark 1:35, Luke 21:38, & 24:1, John 8:2, & Acts 5:21. "Vigilant Late in the Day Seeking God & Coming Together In God's Presence": Genesis 32:24, 1st Samuel 15:11, *Psalm 55:16-17, & 119:62, Matthew 26:36, Luke 6:12, & Acts 16:25.

More On Devotion(s)

"Praying & Devotions (x3) a Day; Increased to (x5-6) or a Complete (x7) in 'Times of Great Need & Urgency'": Psalms *55:16-17 & Daniel 6:10. "Calling on the Name of the Lord in Prayer & Devotion": Genesis 4:26, & 12:8, 1st Kings 22:5, Psalms 5:3, *55:16-17, & 119:147, Zechariah 8:21, Luke 2:37, 10:2, & 16:25, 1st Thessalonians 3:10, & 1st Timothy 5:5.

<u>Scriptures Concerning Devoted & Consecrated As Acts of Entire Sanctification</u> <u>Devoted – "Most Holy Unto the Lord!"</u>

"Nevertheless, no <u>Devoted Offering</u> that a <u>Man May Devote to the Lord</u> of All That He Has, <u>Both Man and Beast</u>, or the <u>Field of His Possession</u>, Shall Be Sold or Redeemed; <u>Every Devoted</u> <u>Offering Is Most Holy to the Lord!"</u>

Leviticus 27:28

Consecrated – "Set Aside For God's Use Alone!"

"Who Then Is Willing to Consecrate Himself This Day to the Lord?" ... Then the People Rejoiced, for They Had Offered Willingly, Because with a Loyal Heart They Had Offered Willingly to the Lord; and King David also Rejoiced Greatly.

1st Chronicles 29:5b & 9

"I Have Declared My Ways, and You Answered Me; Teach Me Your Statutes. Make Me Understand the Way of Your Precepts; So Shall I Meditate on Your Wonderful Works. My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen Me According to Your Word. Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me Your Law graciously. I Have Chosen the Way of Truth; Your Judgments I have laid before me. I Cling to Your Testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame! I Will Run the Course of Your Commandments, for You Shall Enlarge My Heart. Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Your Statutes, and I Shall Keep It to the End. Give Me Understanding, and I Shall Keep Your Law; Indeed, I Shall Observe It with My Whole Heart. Make Me Walk in the Path of Your Commandments, for I Delight in It. Incline My Heart to Your Testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and Revive Me in Your Way. Establish Your Word to Your Servant, Who Is Devoted to Fearing You." ...

... "Turn away my reproach which I dread, for Your Judgments are good. Behold, I Long for Your Precepts; Revive Me in Your Righteousness. Let Your Mercies Come also to Me, O Lord, Your Salvation According to Your Word."

Psalm 119:26-41

More On Devoted as Consecrated

See More: "The First Born" or "The First of All We Are, Make, Possess, & Value!": Exodus 13:2, 1st Chronicles 29:5b & 9. "Call A Devoted & Sacred Assembly of Fast & Repentance of the People": Joel 2:12-32. "Consecrate & Make Sacred God's House": 1st Kings 9:3

Personal Daily Question #1

"How Do I Implement Prayer Into My Daily Life?"
Personal Daily Answer #1

A) I Will Ask God's Indwelling Spirit To Help Me
To Learn the Ways of Contemplation, & Meditation of My Heart & Mind
B) I Will Ask God's Indwelling Spirit To Quiet My Mind & Heart,
& Bring Peace & Understanding to My Soul

Sunday Worship Question #1

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

- A) I Will Invite Us All Together To Spend More Time In Quiet Contemplation & Meditation On Sunday Mornings Together In Our Family Prayer Time
- B) The Worship Team Will Focus On Music That Lead To Quieting Our Minds, Hearts, & Souls Before The Receiving of His Communion or Word In Teaching & Preaching

Personal Daily Question #2

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

- A) I Will Ask God's Indwelling Spirit To Daily Cause My Mind, Heart, & Soul To Become More Contemplative & Consecrated To His Plan, Ways, & Will
- B) I Will Ask God's Indwelling Spirit To Cause Me To Be More Single Minded: Compassionate, Humble, & Passionate in Service To Him & Others

Sunday Worship Question #2

"How Do We Implement Devotion Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?"

Sunday Worship Answer #2

A) I Will Invite Us All Together To Become More & More Consecrated, Contemplative, & Devoted To God's Will For His Church In Our Service To One Another & Our Community

B) The Worship Team Will Focus On Creating An Environment

Of Contemplative, Consecrated, & Devoted Worship of God In Spirit & Truth

NEXT WEEK

Part X

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

Worship In His Will

10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude)