

PROPER WORSHIP UNTO THE LORD

Psalm 100

INTRODUCTION:

- A. 100th Psa beautiful ancient song containing great lessons
- B. Today consider its lessons about proper manner, spirit and attitude regarding our worship to God.

DISCUSSION:

I. WORSHIP IS ACTIVE, NOT PASSIVE

- A. Many see worship as passive spectatorship, like a ball game or movie. Worship involves attitude, and action,
- B. Notice action verbs describing worship in 100th psalm **“Make”** (v 1) **“Serve”** (v 2) **“Know”** (v 3) **“Enter”** (v 4)
- C. True worship active in harmony with Word Jhn 4:24; 17:17
 - 1. Preaching not passive - speak & hear
 - 2. Sing not passive: Voice & ear Eph 5:19; Col 3:16
 - 3. Praying - one may lead, but all pray to God.
 - 4. Lord's Supper requires attention of heart and mind, remember Lord's death 1Cor 11:24-25
 - 5. Give active - "each one lays by in store as God has prospered him" (1Cor 16:1-2).
- D. Acts really are only expressions of worship
 - 1. Eating & drinking is worship when remember Christ
 - 2. Singing songs is worship when done scripturally
 - 3. Praying is worship when done properly to God
 - 4. Giving is worship when done in response to God
 - 5. Preaching is worship, when preach God's will
- E. All worship is expressed in some way 1Cor 14:40
 - 1. No order, fixed or varied makes true worship, it may prevent habitual action, but cause uncertainty
 - 2. Form can't substitute for true worship Amos 5:21-27
 - 3. Never view worship as passive or self as spectators.

III. JOYFUL, NOT DREARY

- A. Some see worship as sad and dreary duty. Mal. 1:13
 - 1. Some arrive with long faces and dreary dispositions.
 - 2. Church building not to be a house of mourning!
- B. Worship attitude: Joyful v.1; Gladness v.2; Singing v.2
Note: Psa 122:1; 2Cor 9:7; Jas 5:13.
- C. Demeanor: actions, words, clothing, etc indicate attitude
 - 1. Posture Gen 24:52 indicates reverence or respect
 - 2. Clothing 2Sam 12:20 show respect for Lord's house place of worship (Jer 2:32; Prov 7:10; Matt 11:8)
 - 3. Our demeanor - deportment: i.e. gum chewing, talking, passing notes, playing with babies, etc. 1Sam 21:11-14; 1Tim 3:2; Tit 2:3) Our behavior indicates something to those around us, whether an accurate indication of our heart or not

- E. Are we careless, indifferent, irreverent
 - 1. Worship paying homage to God (Homage = ceremony by which one acknowledges himself the vassal of a Lord) (Vassal= a person under protection of another)
 - 2. Used toward God means REVERENCE, feeling of awe or devotion, to serve or tender religious service.
 - 3. How many have proper attitude toward worship
- D. Is worship to God just a necessity to miss hell or do we enjoy worshipping God Psa 122:1

III. KNOWLEDGEABLE, NOT IGNORANTLY V.3

- A. We are to know the Lord is God, our Creator
- B. Vain worship ignore God's instructions Mk 7 1-7
 - 1. By not using the proper form even though in spirit
 - 2. By using proper form but not in spirit Jhn 4:24
- C. Ignorant worship: not knowing what forms of worship are acceptable to God Acts 17:23; Jhn 4:22
- D. Will worship – self-imposed humility shown by what man believes is pious & pleasing to God - artificial outward show practiced by denominations and being used by some who claim to be Lord's church Col 2:18-23
- E. Mock worship: making a show of reverence while all the while holding the object of worship in contempt Mk 15 19

IV. GRATEFUL, NOT INGRATITUDE V 4

- A Some begrudge God worship due Him
- B. Worship – “Thanksgiving”; “Praise”; “Bless His Name”
- C. Underlying all true worship is a grateful heart
Psa 116:17; Heb 13:15; Col 3:16-17

V. UNTO THE LORD, NOT SELF

- A. Many think worship service is to make them happy, give them something (Yes, we are edified, but worship is "to God")
 - 1. When one says, "I didn't get anything out of service!" They have the wrong concept of what worship is for!
 - 2. Think worship service is meant to please them
 - a. Want songs and prayers that please their ears
 - b. Want preachers that excite or thrill them
- B. Worship is about God, not us “unto the Lord” (v 1), service to “the Lord” (v 2) in “His Presence” (v 2)
- C. Notice the joy and gladness was brought to the worship
 - 1. If worship is about me it is what can I get out of it
 - 2. If worship is about God, it is what I can bring to it
- D. Worship is about the character of Our God: He is **Good** Psa 107:8; **Merciful** Psa 136:26; **Truthful** Psa 119:90-91

CONCLUSION:

- A. Learn and put in practice proper manner of worshipping God
- B. Let's worship actively, joyfully, knowledgeably, gratefully and always unto Him.

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