

# PROPER WORSHIP UNTO THE LORD

Psalm 100

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. The 100th Psalm is a beautiful ancient song that contains great lessons
- B. 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 is 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 s 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 deary 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 behaviour indicates something to those around us, whether an accurate indication of our heart or not
- E. Are we careless, indifferent, irreverent

1. Worship is paying homage to God (*Homage* = ceremony by which one acknowledges himself the vassal of a Lord) (*Vassal* = a person under the protection of another)
2. When used toward God it means REVERENCE, a feeling of awe or devotion, to serve or render 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; Jn. 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 the 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 then it is matter of what can I get out of it.
  2. If worship is about God, then it is all about 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. Let us learn and put into practice the proper manner of worshipping God
- B. Let's worship actively, joyfully, knowledgeably, gratefully and always unto Him.

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