

The Lord, Who Is Worthy To Be Praised

Psalms 18:3

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Introduction:

Man's chief end is to glorify God. God has revealed His glory to men and men are to respond to that glory and men are to respond by giving glory, majesty, dominion, and power unto a glorious God.

All created things were brought into existence in order that they should glorify God.

One of the ways that we glorify God is by our worship of God.

Read Text Psalms 18:3

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I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

God desires our worship. And we are to worship Him alone.

Exodus 34:14

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

He is also to be worshipped the correct way.

John 4:23-24

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. [24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Our word “worship” comes from two words, worth and the word ship, which means worthiness. To worship God properly is to declare God’s worth. We find this from His Word.

1. DETERMINING GOD’S WORTH

Why is God worthy of worship and praise?

A. Because Of His Character.

Job 33:12

Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

2 Samuel 7:22

Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Deut. 4:39

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Psalm 86:10

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Psalm 118:28

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

B. Because Of His Creation

Rev. 4:11

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Psalm 148:5

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

Col. 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

C. Because Of His Compassion

We see God's worth in the beginning in his creation....but we further see his worth after the creation. One of the most moving scenes in all the Word of God is after the fall of man.

It is God who comes walking through the garden calling the name of Adam...he is the one who takes the

initiative.....he is the one who takes the first step towards reconciliation.

Psalm 78:38

But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Psalm 86:15

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalm 145:8

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

D. Because Of The Cross

John 19:17

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Rev. 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev. 5:12

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

2. DEMONSTRATING GOD’S WORTH

How do we demonstrate that which we know?

A. By Our Profession

That is the first step that must be taken to show that He is worthy. We must possess and profess faith in Him.

B. By Our Participation

We show God ... we demonstrate his worth to us when we obey him by participating in the things that please him.

When we assemble together as a church, it is pleasing to him if we worship... it pleases him, praises him... honors him that you are here... that his people have gathered together to worship him.

But our participation in the assembly should not be the end of our worship.... but rather the beginning ... we praise him through our activity. When we leave from this place ... we are to be actively serving him!

C. By Our Posture

The Hebrew word for worship itself tells us what our posture should be towards the Lord. It means to “fall prostrate or to bow down”.

Psalm 95:6

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

D. By Our Praise

Psalm 100:4

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

1 Chron. 29:13

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Psalm 9:2

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

Psalm 22:25

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

Psalm 30:12

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 42:4

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

E. By Our Presents

1 Chron. 16:29

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 96:8

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Malachi 1:11

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

3. DECLARING GOD'S WORTH

We should not only demonstrate God's worth in our public and private worship, but we should declare God's worth to others.

Psalms 9:11

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

Psalms 73:28

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalms 96:3

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Psalm 145:4

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

A. How do we declare his worth?

1. In our lives
2. In our love
3. With our lips