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WORSHIP WALKING WITH GOD

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I. 'Enoch walked with God and he was not, for God took him'
Gen. 5: 24 (Enoch teacher, dedicate, train up, initiate)

A. "No longer visible to human eye" Berkeley

B. Those who search for Him Heb.II:5 & 6

1. Noah walked with God Gen.6:9

2. Walking as He walked - 1st John 2:6 and 1:7

II. Our Father desires worship.

B. In spirit and truth - John 4:19-26

1. The women at the well - Samaritan

a) Compare to Ruth - Out of Moab to Bethlehem 2Cor. 6:14-17

1. Came out

2. Submitted - covering

3. Committed

4. Received: Obed - Worship

Worship - To honor with extravagant love and extreme submission
as a lover. To adore, idolize

2. Jesus example - Phil. 2:4-18

a) Paul's response - Phil. 3:7-15

Prayer - Eph.I:17-20

III. **The Problem**. There is a war going on in the heavens because Satan the usurper wishes to be worshiped also.

A. And he (the devil) said to him, 'All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me.'
Then Jesus said to him, "**Away with you Satan! For it is written you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.**" Math. 4:1-11 9&10)

- I. The matter of who and how and what to worship was challenged from the beginning
 - a. Worship is obedience - Adam 'Hath God said'
 - b. Worship is blood sacrifice - Cain & Abel
 - c. Worship is liberty - Gal. 5:1; II Cor. 3:17 & 18
 - I. Coming out of bondage "Let my people go" (Ex. 8:1 & 4:23) - My Son
 - d. Worship is service "that they may serve me" (sacrifice) Ex. 8:1

Worship is responding to God's loving initiative. I Jn.4:18
"In this is love. Not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His son to be the mercy seat (propitiation) for our sins. There is no fear in love."

- e. Worship is without fear - Luke 1:74 'might worship Him without fear In holiness and righteousness all the days of our life'
 - I. The spirit of adoption overcomes the spirit of fear
Rom. 8:15

Worship is celebrating being members of the family of God. We belong to our Father. We are not orphans in a meaningless universe. Jn.14:18

Prayer – Phil.1:9-11

IV. Worship is intimacy with God

Intimacy - *Proskuneo* {Worship} *to kiss toward* – The most frequent word rendered to **worship** in the New Testament

Q. How do I get close to Jesus, touch him? How does he touch me?

A. Little Children

1. Whoever humbles himself Matt. 18:1 -5
2. Receives as a child Mark 10: 13 -16
3. Perfect praise Matt. 21: 12 -16
4. Little children 1st John 2:12,18,28; 3:7,18; 4:4; 5:21

The First letter of John is written to little children, to the beloved. This letter reflects the intimacy the apostle experienced with Jesus

B. Women

1. Hem of His garment Mark 5: 25 -34
2. Traveled with Him Luke 8: 2 -3

3. Rabboni -John 20:11 -18

4. Prostitute - Luke 7: 36 -48
- 5 Mary of Bethany -John 12:3 -B
- 6 Syrophonician -Mark 7:24- 39
- 7 Mary has chosen - Luke 10: 38 -42

Beware of systems of intimacy

C. Lepers

1. Worshipped Him Matt. 8: 1
2. Ten lepers-Luke 17:12-19
 - a. Nine satisfied with ritual
 - 1) Rite - the manner of performing divine or solemn service as established by law, precept or custom; formal acts of religion.
 - 2) Ritual – The established form of conducting worship
 - 3) Ritualism – a system of conducting religious worship

D. Crowd

1. Sought to touch Him - Luke 6: 19

E. Men

1. Leaning on Jesus breast - Luke 13: 23 - 25
2. Bartimaeus - Mark 10: 46 - 52

Intimacy is the result of relationship forming. Intimacy is a result of covenant. Intimacy produces worship *and* praise. Intimacy is a key to unity.

Divorce is the result of relationship *dissolving* (breaking). Divorce breaks covenant. Divorce destroys a spirit of worship and praise. Friendship with the world is enmity with God. A spirit of divorce can destroy a church

1. Walking in forgiveness is essential to intimacy with God
2. Binding evil and loosing righteousness in our lives draws us near God's heart
3. Remembering that it was not me who first loved Him, but He who first loved me keeps our relationship in the right perspective - I John 4:10
4. God is love - I John 4:16-18
 - a. This love is fearless
5. He is the husband; we, the church, are His bride. He is the leader, the Lord, the King, & the Master
6. "That I may know Him" is the apostles cry. Phil. 3:8 - 11
7. To be known of Him is yet a deeper cry. "If anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know, but if any one loves God this one is known by Him." I Cor. 8:2-3
 - a. Be gone you never let me know you. Mt.25:12

V. Satan's goal is for the creation to worship him and especially man as the image of God. Rev. 13:4-8; Matt. 4: 8-10 I.

Method 1: Idolatry - medium for demonic activity Rom. I: 20-25

- a. Golden Calf - Ex. 32
- b. The Golden Image Daniel 3
 - 1} The king's pride Daniel 2: 38
 - 2} The man in the fire

Worship is to pass through the refiner's fire.

1 Pet. 4:12 & 15 Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing has happened to you, but rejoice to the extent that you partake in Christ's suffering that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy"

Rom. 5:3-8 We glory in our tribulations.

- c. Image of the beast - Rev. 13 Idolatry - Planting in the imagination anything more central than Christ himself
- d. People - (entertainers, political leaders, sport stars)
- e. Wives and children - David, Solomon, Lot - Luke 18:29 & 30
- f. Material possessions - Luke 18:22

Method 2 - Diverting us from God's plan

- a. Knowledge - 1 Cor. 8:1 "puffs up"
 1. Adam and Eve - Tree of knowledge - Gen. 3
 2. Knowledge shall be on the increase - Dan. 12: 4
- b. Appealing to the flesh and releasing demonic activity
 1. Sensuality - David and Solomon
 2. Envy and jealousy - King Saul
 3. Business - Martha
 4. Entertainment - Herod

Method 3 - Giving undue attention to Satan switching our focus from Christ

- a. Sons of Sceva - Acts. 19:13-16
- b. False religion and cults - angel of light 2 Cor. 11:14

VI. **Worship is simplicity, sincerity and purity of devotion to Christ**

2 Cor. II: 2 & 3; ASV .Pure; KJV .Chaste virgin

A. **Simplicity** -2 Cor. II:2& 3

KJV "The simplicity that is in Christ"

ASV "The simplicity and purity of devotion to"

NIV "Sincere and pure devotion for"

Phillips "Single hearted devotion"

I. Gal. 6:14 -16 - Glory in the Cross

a. Inheritance & relationship

B. **PHTHEIRO PHTHEIRO** –**corrupted** - led astray, seduced, to destroy by means of corrupting and so bring into worse state

I. Evil associations

2. Moral decay - of the physical effects of merely gratifying the natural desires and ministering to one's own needs or lusts

a. Sensuality - I Thess. 4:1-8 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification, not fornication but honor" I Cor.6:18-20

C. **Time** - Honor -a valuing I Tim.6: 1 **How I spend my time**

I. A price paid or received - Mt. 27:6&9

2. The preciousness of Christ – I Pet 2:7

3. Esteem – Rom.12:10 & 13:7

4. In human relations in contrast to condemnation flesh

a. Servants to masters I Tim. 6: 1

b. Husbands to wives I Pet. 3: 7

c. Children to parents

d. A prophet in his own country

e. Flock to Elders – I Tim 5:17

f. Church to Christ – Rev.4:11; 5:12 &15; 14:1

D. Double mindedness - James 1:2 -7

I. Doubt vs. thanksgiving and perseverance

a. Matt. 6: 22 eye single (clear, good)

b. Skepticism(scepticism) – Doubting of everything especially revealed truth regarding God and the doctrines of faith.

E. Religious reasoning - Blind man John 9:1- 7, 16, 25,

I. Broken relationships

F. Fatherhood 2 Cor. 6:14 -18

I. Beware of a withdrawal from life –Peace in the midst of turmoil

Worship is to walk in humility James 4:1-10 vs. 6 & 7 "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you"

Satan appeals to the Lust of the eyes, the Lust of the flesh and the pride of Life to keep us from fulfilling our calling to worship our Father in spirit and in truth

1 John 2:15 -17 'Do not Love the world...'

2. Mt.4:1-11 – Response to temptation in the wilderness

Prayer Eph. 3:14 -19

VII. The conflict continues

A. A brief overview

1. In the original man – Adam, Eve and the serpent
2. In the offspring – Cain and Abel
3. In Ishmael and Isaac
4. In Pharaoh and Moses
5. In David and Goliath
6. In Daniel and the governors – Dan.6
7. Jesus and the Rulers

B. Victory at the Cross- – Jn.2:14-22 (19) ; Col.2:10-15

1. The new man 2 Cor.5:17

C. Continuing Warfare .Spirits opposing the church - Jude 11

1. Cain - 1 John 3:9 -18 - envy, murder
 - a. Solution - contentment 1 Tim. 6: 6
2. Balaam - Rev. 2:14 - Love of money, idolatry, and sexual immorality
 - a. Solution -generosity & fidelity
3. Korah - Num. 16 - Pride of position, undermining and rebellion
 - a. Solution - desiring Jesus presence more than power over others
4. Jezebel - Rev. 2: 20 False prophetess and teacher
 - a. Solution - respect for God's anointing and anointed ones

VIII. The Seed of Worship - Covenant

- A. Adam - walk with God
 - 1. The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- B. Cain and Abel - slain because of worship
- C. Noah - blameless - Gen.6:9
 - 1. Walked with God - endurance rest
- D. Abraham
 - 1. Out of Ur -idolatry
 - 2. Into Canaan
 - a. Up to Moriah-Gen.22:2-5
 - 1) 2 Chron. 3:1 - Ornan the Jebusite -
 - Solomon's Temple - Zion
- E. Moses and Israel
 - 1. Out of Egypt
 - 2. Up to Mt. Sinai
 - a. Tabernacle
 - b. Law
 - 3. Wandering
 - 4. Into Canaan
- F. The church
 - 1. New Testament priesthood

Prayer- Col. 1:9 -13

IX. Zion - Ps. 132:14 "Zion is my resting place forever and ever"

Holiness is not based on self-denial, holiness is based on rest.

- A. The two Mountains Heb. 12: 18 -29
 - 1. Two Jerusalem's Gal. 4: 22 -51
 - a. Freedom is in the Holy Spirit Gal 5:13 -18
 - 2. The Lord loves Zion Ps. 87
 - a. Solomon's prayer II Chron. 7:12 -15
 - 1) God's reply
 - b. The place of anointing Ps. 133
 - 1) Unity Is. 52: 8 eye to eye
 - 2) Everlasting life
 - c. God's point of view Ps. 132: 13 o 14
 - 1) He dwells there

3. The Church is in Zion - Heb.12:23
 - a. True worship occurs there
 - b. Jesus is with us there Heb. 2:12; Ps.22:22 In the midst
 1. Agreement **SUMPHONEO** - Matt.18:19
 - c. God's plan is revealed - Eph. 3:9 -11
 - d. New Testament expression 1 Cor.14: 26; Eph.5:19
 - e. The Jerusalem above our birthplace – Gal.4:26&Ps.87:5&6

X. **OBEDIENCE** - The sacrifice of Praise

- A. Heb. 13:12-15(15) - Four steps to a heavenly perspective
 1. Sanctified - (12) The blood of the lamb - His suffering
 2. Separated - (13) Outside the camp - His reproach
2 Cor. 6:17 (touch not)
 3. Seeking the city - Heb.11:10 with foundations built by God Psalm 87
 4. Sacrifice - praise the language of heaven - Rev. 4:5,8,10,11; 5:8-14
 - a. Fruit of the lips vs. poison
 - b. Blessing vs. cursing (Soul is created to praise the lord - spirit, soul, body, God's instrument)
 - c. Thanksgiving to His name - "Confess Thanksgiving"
 1. Basic response to trials - James 1
 - a. Pilgrims
 2. Acts 4: 23 -35
- B. Psalm 32:6-11(7) - Enables instruction to be easily received
(Folded arms or upraised arms?)
 1. Songs of deliverance
- C. Acts 16:16-34

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D. Jehosaphat - 2 Chron.20 – The overwhelming odds are overcome by a heart of worship, submitted to the spirit of God.

When you face difficulty, look for the place to be thankful. Expect deliverance when you praise the Lord as a way of Life