WORSHIPPING YOUR KING PART III
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about worship refreshing us and about our inhibitions that keep us from engaging with God deeply.
- For many of us this doesn't happen, we don't know how to get refreshed in the presence of the Lord.
- Giving ourselves to worship demonstratively, lifting our hands, bowing our knee, shouting to the Lord are all expressions of the heart and they are all in the Bible.
- Psalm 100:4-5, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, praise His name..."

I. GRATEFUL HEARTS

- Grateful hearts are worshipping hearts.
- This Psalm is all about two things: Worship and Thanksgiving.
- This Hebrew word barak (baw-rak) = to bless or praise. Literally to kneel or invoke words of life to another.
- Psalm 95:6, "Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our God our Maker…"
- Kneeling is the posture of humility, adoring and honoring.
- Describes worshipers falling on their faces before the Lord in reverence.
- Everything that has been created is commanded to barak (baw-rak) the Lord.
- If God has blessed you, barak should be a regular part of your worship.
- To bless God is to kneel before Him – Revelation 7:11-12

II. SONGS OF PRAISE

- We often say God is enthroned on the praises of His people.
- Psalm 22:3, "But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel."
- The 6th Hebrew word we translate as praise is teh·hil·law.
- The root of this word is halal - to boast or praise God.
- Praise is an acknowledgement of the virtues or deeds of another that are recognized and celebrated.
- Praising Him for who He is, we call adoration.
- Psalm 100:4-5, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise …"
- A third of the time this word is used is in the Psalms and it is an imperative summons to praise.
- Our sustained inflow of His presence is dependent on an outflow of praise and thanksgiving.
- Giving time for spontaneous songs seems awkward for many, but this word actually describes that moment.

III. POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

- Paul teaches that Spirit filled worship is really the only worship that matters.
- Ephesians 5:18-20, "And do not get drunk with wine…but be filled with the Spirit …"
- Two words that are imperatives or commands - "Don't get drunk with wine…but be filled with the Spirit."
- Word is psallo or to sing praise or to play an instrument, pluck a string.
- Living in the Spirit is tied directly to worship and praise.

CLOSE

- Our lives are tied to His presence by worship and praise.