

WORSHIPPING YOUR KING PART IV

“EVERYTHING TOWARD HIM”

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PSALM 63; EPHESIANS 5:18-21; COLOSSIANS 3:16

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INTRODUCTION

- We have talked about worship refreshing us when tired or down.
- Giving ourselves to worship demonstratively, lifting our hands, bowing our knee, shouting to the Lord.
- This week’s Hebrew word for worship is *shabach*, (shä·vakh); Shout; to address in a loud tone.

I. MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION AND ENTHUSIASM

- Do you/we have moments that lead you to shout to the Lord without fear or inhibitions?
- Do we do this as a church community? Do we unite with one voice to shout our gratitude?
- Psalm 63:1-5, “O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you...³Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise You! ⁴I will praise You as long as I live, lifting up my hands to You in prayer. ⁵You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise You with songs of joy.”
- Three of our seven Hebrew words are in these two verses.
 - Shabach – “How I praise You” - shout to You.
 - “I will praise (barak) you” - to kneel and bless
 - “I will praise (haw-lal) you with songs of joy”
- Psalm 117, Psalm 145 - Psalms of Praise

II. SINGING SPIRIT LED SONGS

- Ephesians 5:18-21, “...be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...”
- Paul is saying: Being a follower of Jesus means living under the influence of the Spirit.
- Songs, hymns, spiritual songs, singing and thanksgiving should mark Spirit filled believers.
- Our behavior with one another is the indicator of being Spirit filled: how we worship and honor one another!
- Colossians 3:16, “...teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs...”
- Like our lives, our songs should have substance and meaning.
- Should remind us of Jesus, “Faith is no longer just vertical, it’s horizontal!” = Great Commandment

III. GROWING IN WORSHIP

- Growing in worship comes from “spiritual songs” pneu-mati-kos - songs that are from the Spirit.
- These songs characterized the early church’s gatherings.
- Songs all over the New Testament. We miss that they were singing them - 1 Timothy 3:15-16

IV. CONCLUSION

- Colossians 1:13-18, “For He rescued us from the ^adomain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of ^bHis beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins...”
- Paul’s words = deep and full of instruction to be sung!
- Ultimately, they were two dimensional in that they served people and they honored and worshiped God.
- Colossians 3:16, “...admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God...”