

Sermon Notes – 08.18.2024 – We are Taken in by What God Has Revealed – We Pour Out Worship

Every Act of Worship Begins with God Revealing Himself to Us

Revealed to Us Individually and As We Gather – We Want God to be Near, to be Here

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Sometimes Revealed Indirectly - Our Testimony Might Lead Others to Worship God

John 1:43-48 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, "Follow Me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip *found Nathanael and *said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" **Philip *said to him, "Come and see."** **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and *said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael *said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." **49** Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

God Reveals Himself to Us / Response of a Right Heart is Worship

Giving Honor and Respect / Showing Obedience and Service

Imagine coming home and getting busy with your routine and responsibilities.

You walk into the living room and suddenly notice someone very important to you, someone who loves you and has blessed you is sitting in a chair. If your heart is where it should be, your immediate response would be to express surprise, welcome, happiness and deep respect as you hurried to get something for them to make them feel your welcome. You might address them with a name that expresses the relationship. (They called Jesus rabbi or rabboni - A term of respect and endearment that was used by some whom Jesus loved dearly). You would talk, you would listen – You would rejoice.

Worship Isn't Just a Good Christian Habit.

It forms the Substance of Our Relationship with God.

The Abundance of Our Heart is the Substance of Our Worship

Moses – A Vivid Picture of Worship – A Profound but Simple Response to an Awesome God

Exodus 34:4 So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand. **5** The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. **6** Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; **7** who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." **8** Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

David – Extravagant Worship – An Overflowing Response to God "Well-Known"

1 Chronicles 16:1 And they brought in the ark of God and placed it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

David's Song of Thanks –1 Chronicles 16:8-36

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. **9** Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. **10** Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. **11** Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually. **12** Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,

1 Chronicles 16:23-36 Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. **24** Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. **25** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods. **26** For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. **27** Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place. **28** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **29** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array. **30** Tremble before Him, all the earth; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved. **31** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." **32** Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it. **33** Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD; For He is coming to judge the earth. **34** O give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. **35** Then say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name, And glory in Your praise." **36** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

Christian Worship – Spirit Filled Hearts Pouring Out to God Continually in Song and Serving

Ephesians 5:18-20 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; **20** always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Worship Produced by the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Our Hearts Responding to the Truth

John 4:23-24 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **24** "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Spirit-Filled Lives / Be Living Demonstrations of God Who Saved Us –

Covered by His Blood, We Live for Him

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. **16** And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.