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Wednesday, June 09, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: The Purpose Of Praise & Worship

Lesson Series Text: (*Psa. 22:3 NKJ*)

Lesson 2: That I May Dwell Among You

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Protectors of God's Presence (*Cherubims*) – Ker-oob'
 - A. Guarding the entrance to Eden. (*Gen. 3:24*)
 - B. Guarding the entrance to the Holy of Holies. (*Exo. 25:18-22*)
 - C. Guarding the throne in Heaven. (*Rev. 4:6; Psa. 99:1; Eze. 1:4-14*)
- II. Praise and Worship was a mean by which the Lord used to bring His presence to man, rather than man approaching His presence. (*Psa. 22:3*)
 - A. Let them make me a sanctuary. (*Exo. 25:8-9*)
 - a. The pattern of the sanctuary was closely regulated.
 - b. The pattern (conditions or environment) had to be right.
 - c. The Father wants His people to follow His instructions when they come into His presence.
 - B. The purpose of the temple was to establish a means by which God could be in the midst of His people.
 - a. The design of the temple was to foreshadow the coming of the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Building a place for God is always about having His presence dwelling in the midst of the people.
 - D. The main focus of us meeting, it not so about the building; it's about having His presence in the midst of us.
 - E. God's presence is the only essential thing that is needed for true worship.
 - a. All of the other elements of our meetings must lead us to the presence of God.
 - b. If the other elements don't lead us to the presence of God, there is no real need for them.
 - c. They are unnecessary and may be hindering us from God's presence.
 - d. They may sound good, excite us, make us feel good; but unless they are serving the purpose for which we gathered; they are unnecessary.
 - F. God's presence, in our presence, is the litmus test for praise and worship.
 - a. We must know how to discern God's presence.
- III. Praise is revealed through Judah. (*Gen. 49:8-10*)
 - A. Now will I praise the Lord. (*Gen. 29:31-35*)

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- a. The name Judah is based on the Hebrew word, “Yadah”. Yadah means “hold out the hand, to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensive or bemoan, to make praise or thanksgiving. ¹ Strong’s Concordance
- B. The Lord placed special favor on Judah. (*Psa. 78:67-69*)
- C. Judah was recognized as leaders. (*Gen. 49:8-10*)
- D. Judah was to lead in battle. (*Jud. 1:1-2; 20:18*)
- E. Judah is described as God’s scepter. (*Psa. 108:8 AMPC, NLT, ESV*)
 - a. A scepter is symbolic of power and authority.
 - b. This is first revealed in David, his descendants and ultimately in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.
- F. Judah became God’s Sanctuary (kodesh – a sacred place or thing, consecrated thing, dedicated thing.) ¹ Strong’s Concordance. (*Psa. 114:1-2*)
- G. God’s government was evident throughout all of Israel as a nation, but His headquarters was in Judah; which where He chose to dwell.
 - a. Because of this, Judah experienced His presence like no other tribe.
 - b. Jerusalem and Mount Zion, where the temple stood, were within the boundaries of Judah. (*Psa. 76:1-2*)
- IV. Too often we go looking for God, when all we have to do is create an environment that invites Him to come to us.
 - A. Praise before the battle, during the battle, and after the battle.
 - B. Praise is comely to the saint. (*Psa. 33:1; 147:1*)
- V. Living a life of continuous praise will become a witness to others.
 - A. They will recognize God’s presence with you.
 - B. They will see your trust in Him.
 - C. They will see your peace, which will lead them to ask you of your peace.
- VI. Let’s look at some of our scriptures again and change the name of “Judah” to Praise.

(Psa. 22:3 AMPC - But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].)

(Psa. 78:67-69 - Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established forever.)

(Judges 1:1-2 - Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.)

(Jud. 20:18 - And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first.)

(Psa. 108:8 AMPC - Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is My stronghold and the defense of My head; Judah is My scepter and lawgiver.)

(Psa. 114:1-2 AMPC - WHEN ISRAEL came forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from

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a people of strange language, Judah became [God's] sanctuary (the Holy Place of His habitation), and Israel His dominion.)

(Psa. 76:1-2 - In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.)

(Psa. 33:1 - Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.)

(Psa. 147:1 - PRAISE THE Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious and lovely; praise is becoming and appropriate.)

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