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Wednesday, June 30, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: The Purpose Of Praise & Worship
Lesson Series Text: *(Psa. 22:3 NKJV)*
Lesson 5: The Difference Between Praise & Worship
Lesson 5 Text: *(Psa. 100:1-5)*
All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.
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- I. Thanksgiving, praise, and worship are similar, but they are not the same.
 - A. Thanksgiving is thanking the Lord for what He has done. (To-daw' – to extend the hands)
 - B. Praise is acknowledging the Lord's attributes. (Tehilla – to sing a halal (to rave, boast, clamorously))
 - C. Worship is acknowledging the Lord for Who He is. (barak – to kneel with adoration)
- II. What are some differences between Praise & Worship?
 - A. The purpose of praise is to create the right conditions and environment; in order to invoke God's presence.
 - B. Praise is universal and can be applied to other relationships as well. We can praise our family, friends, leaders, or athletes. Praise does not require anything of us.
 - C. We can praise Him with singing (*Isa. 12:5; Psa. 9:11*), with shouting (*Ezra 3:11; Psa. 47:1*), with a dance (*Psa. 150:4*), and with musical instruments (*1 Chr. 13:8; 150:3-5*).
 - D. Worship, however, comes from a different place within our spirits. Worship should be reserved for God alone (*Exo. 34:14; Luke 4:8*). Worship is the art of losing self in the adoration of another.
 - E. We must be willing to humble ourselves before God, surrender every part of our lives to His control, and adore Him for who He is, not just what He has done.
 - F. Worship is a lifestyle, not just an occasional activity; we should worship Him in the beauty of holiness, (*Psa. 96:9*).
 - G. We must be willing to humble ourselves before God, surrender every part of our lives to His control. Jesus said the Father is seeking those who will worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (*John 4:23*).
 - H. When worshipping, a person submits himself/herself completely before God. It is a stance of humility and surrender. This allows the individuals to align themselves with God's will.
 - I. Praise is lifting up. Worship is bowing down.
 - J. Praise is the entering. Worship is the sitting.

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- K. Praise is to thank the Lord for what He has done. Worship is to thank God for who He is.
- L. Praise is **about** God. Worship is **to** God
- III. Worship isn't acceptable unless it's done properly. (*Mat. 15:8-9*)
 - A. Keeping certain traditions and transgressing the commandments of God.
 - B. But in vain (to no purpose) do they worship.
 - C. Lamar Boschman – "When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart."
- IV. Seek God's face and not His hand. (*Psa. 100:2*)
 - A. Presence (pa-niym – the face)
 - a. Just seeking the blessings of God instead of the face of God doesn't work. When we choose this method, we forfeit the very things that we are seeking God for.
 1. *Psa. 16:11 – Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy **presence** is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*
 2. *Psa. 21:6 – For thou hast made him most blessed forever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy **countenance**.*
 3. *Psa. 31:20 – In the secret place of Your **presence**, You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues. (NLT)*
 4. *Psa. 9:9-10 – The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that **seek** thee.*
 5. *Matthew 6:33 – **Seek** the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (NLT)*
- V. The Father doesn't need our affirmations to attest that He is God.
 - A. However, we do need His presence to make us Godlike.
 - B. Seeking Him is for our benefit, not His.
 - C. Manley Beasley – "A glimpse of God will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you."
 - D. Jack Hayford – "Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped."
 - E. A.W. Tozer – "I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

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