



THE PRIESTHOOD AND WORSHIP PART 2

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Worshipping the Lord with our entire lives!

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NKJV) But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, ***that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*** 10 who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Through the 7 expressions of praise (seven Hebrew words for praise).

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Praise has to do with or is the result of:

The proclamation of Christ

- Praising Him by proclaiming who He is and what He has done and in turn expressing thanks, adoration etc.

Our position in Christ

- Praising Him as a result of experiencing the benefits of what He has done for you. Living in light of what He's done for you. Your identity, peace, blessing, etc

"The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it."

Leviticus 6:12 NIV)

God supplies the fire but we must tend to that fire daily!

- . "The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.""
- Revelation 4:8-11 NKJV)
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"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

Genesis 2:7 NKJV)

Our posture before Christ

- 7 Hebrew words
 - Lifting of the hands
 - Singing aloud
 - Bowing before Him
 - Dancing
 - Shouting

***Singing in the spirit (Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19)

Heb. 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, **giving thanks to His name.****

Practically:

- Once you are aware of these 7 Hebrews words of praise. The challenge becomes assessing/evaluating the degree to which each of these expressions/postures are evident in your rhythm of worship.
 - Looking at a 7 day cycle asking yourself, have I lifted a hallelujah this week, have I knelt and bowed before the Lord this week, have I danced, have I shouted....etc.
- If I don't believe the Lord is worthy of all of my life in worship in these ways, how am I going to sustain living a life of giving Him all of who I am when it comes to my calling, ministry, sharing the gospel....

Worship is unto:

- Jesus receiving His reward/inheritance in us/through us
- Us becoming like Him.
 - We give our entire lives to Jesus in worship so His entire life can be reflected in us.

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ^{by} the Spirit of the Lord.

Altar/Response

1. Call them into a greater awareness of the worth of Jesus. He truly is worth our entire lives.