

And Worship Him that made

Study 4

# Let us Bow Down Before Him Adoration and Praise - Praying in the Divine Presence

I start with these inspired thoughts. “Prayer is the most holy exercise of the soul. It should be sincere, humble, earnest—the desires of a renewed heart breathed in the presence of a holy God. When the suppliant feels that he is in the divine presence, self will be forgotten. He will have no desire to display human talent; he will not seek to please the ear of men, but to obtain the blessing which the soul craves. 542 {CCh 294.2}

Christ declares the mission He had in coming to the earth. He says in His last public prayer, “O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” When Moses asked the Lord to show him His glory, the Lord said, “I will make all My goodness pass before thee.” “And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty. . . . And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.” When we are able to comprehend the character of God as did Moses, we too shall make haste to bow in adoration and praise. Jesus contemplated nothing less than “that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me” should be in the hearts of His children, that they might impart the knowledge of God to others. {FE 177.2}

The word is, “When we are able to comprehend the character of God as did Moses, we too shall make haste to bow in adoration and praise.” We cannot worship him in spirit and in truth without the reverence of faith, true reverence.

This divine thought word is written in Pro 9:10 KJV The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

Therefore Christ began with the fear of God, He began with the wisdom of God. He began with the knowledge of God. Hence he knew how to praise and adore his father as he bowed the knee in prayer. Certainly his parents by the Spirit of God would have instructed him.

“Because He was so quick to see what was false and what was true, His brethren were greatly annoyed at Him, for they said that whatever the priest taught ought to be considered as sacred as a command of God. But Jesus taught both by His words and by His example that people ought to worship God just as He has directed them to worship Him, and not follow the ceremonies that religious leaders have said ought to be followed. . . . “{CTr 228.5}

The apostle in writing under inspiration to timothy warned that they were some persons who were ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of truth. Here it is in 2Ti 3:7 KJV Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

“A T Jones comments, “On the other hand, however, he who begins with the fear of the Lord, he who begins with

the knowledge of God and with knowledge obtained from God, begins with the truth. The knowledge of God is the knowledge of the truth; for He is the truth. Knowledge obtained from God is itself truth; for it is given by the Spirit, which is only “the Spirit of truth,” through the Word, which also is only “the truth.” Thus he who begins with the knowledge and fear of God begins with the truth; and all that he ever learns, being learned upon this basis, and measured, weighed, and tested by this supreme standard, will be only the truth.

This itself is the detector of error and the test of truth; he therefore rejects the error and accepts only the truth, and so learns only the truth. And thus, though also ever learning, he is ever learning in the knowledge of the truth,—not ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge truth,—for he begins only with the truth, and learns only the truth, and so is ever learning in the knowledge of the truth.”

Christ’s early life and development is recorded thus. Luk 2:40 KJV And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. He waxed strong in spirit so says the word. Luk 2:52 KJV And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

It therefore means that Jesus’s life was one of adoration and praise to his father. It means also that this adoration was manifested in his daily prayer as he bowed down and worshipped. We see it even as he neared the close of his public ministry.

It is written in Luk 22:39-41 ASV And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed him. (40) And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. (41) And he was parted from them about a stone’s cast; and he kneeled down and prayed,

But kneeling in prayer must have the part of the true practice of reverence in worship from ancient times.

In 2Ch 6:13-14 KJV For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, (14) And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

It seem clear from scripture that the patriarchs, prophets and messengers of God showed great reverence in their encounters with God and in worship given him. Ezra the priest and scribe followed this practice of kneeling when approaching God.

Ezr 9:4-6 ASV Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass of them of the captivity; and I sat confounded until the evening oblation. (5) And at the evening oblation I arose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Jehovah my God; (6) and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens.

Daniel would have been taught this as a child and practice it. He has left it on record for us. Dan 6:10 ASV And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

In the time after Christ the early Christians showed great reverence in interceding with God through prayer.

Act 9:39-40 ASV And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. (40) But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

While in Miletus Paul sent a message back to Ephesus, telling the elders of the church in Ephesus to come to him. When Paul had finish he knelt down and prayed. Reverence when approaching God is constantly exalted before us. Let us take heed. God wants to take us into closer intimacy.

Act 20:35-36 ASV In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.** (36) And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. It seem where ever Paul visited in approaching God he set before the believers this practice by example. It did not matter where he was. Even on the beach.

Act 21:4-5 ASV And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not set foot in Jerusalem. (5) And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell;

Eph 3:13-14 ASV Wherefore I ask that ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. (14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,

This must be an ingredient in the faith of Jesus. The faith of Jesus of necessity bring to the believer the reverence that pleases God in the exercise of prayer in private and public worship. The faith of Jesus makes it possible to worship him that made. This triumphant faith of Jesus brings the believer into the holiest of all places and the holiest of all experiences, Heb. 10:19, 20, 22. In the holiest of all places is where the true worshippers are able to worship him that made in spirit and in truth.

This kind of faith lightens the earth with the knowledge of God, for it is all from God. It honours God and worships him that made. Jesus glorified the Father by trusting in Him. Faith honours Him whom it trusts with the most reverend and highest regard, since it considers Him truthful and trustworthy. There is not higher honour equal to the estimate of truthfulness and righteousness with which we honour Him whom we trust. So, when the soul firmly trust God's promises, it regards Him as truthful and righteous. Nothing more excellent than this can be ascribed to God. The very highest worship of God is this – that we ascribe to Him truthfulness, righteousness and whatever else should be ascribed to Him who is trusted. When this is done the soul consents to His will –the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then it hallows His name and allows itself to be treated according to God's good pleasure, for clinging to God's promises, it does not doubt that He who is true, just and wise will do, dispose, and provide all things well, Rom. 8:28, 32. Is not such a soul most obedient to God in all things by this faith? What commandment is there that such obedience has not completely fulfilled? Therefore God can proclaim to the universe. “Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Rev. 14:12. They worship that made fully and in spirit and truth. Their righteousness is of me saith the Lord Isa. 54:17

Yes brethren, yes friends, yes reader the call to worship God is a call from sin, from self, from idolatry, to light to life, to righteousness, the righteousness of God as revealed in the life of Jesus Christ. God wants you to have it.

And at this time God calls upon all everywhere to worship him as Creator, the only true God. It is all the more important that we respond to the call of God, the reason God has given is that the time for rendering justice, and receiving justice is now. The time for taking away sin and bringing in everlasting righteousness is now. It is a call to the keeping of the commandments (the will) of God. ***A time for fixing the will of God in the mind for all eternity.***

We close with this thought from A T Jones in the 1895 bulletin. “Then who can estimate the privilege that God gives us in the blessed privilege of glorifying him? No mind can comprehend it. To be worth the sacrifice that was paid for it—an eternal sacrifice—O, did not David do well when he said, looking at these things: “O Lord, . . . such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it”? and, “In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul”?

Yours in worshipping him that made

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