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Tools for Discipleship – Worship

Revelation 4:8-5:14; Psalm 150; Hebrews 13:15-16; Romans 12:1
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

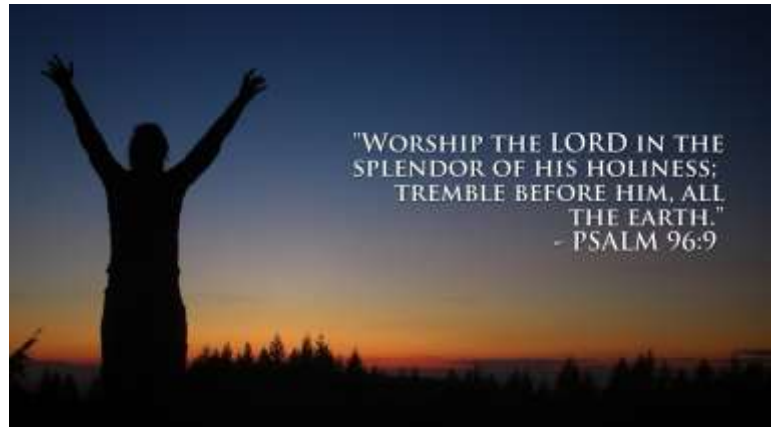
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Our tool for discipleship this week is worship. Worship is a fundamental part of the Christian life. It is not something that we do for our entertainment, although it can be very enjoyable as we draw near to our Lord and Savior. Today we will look at some of the key components of worship as we see in scripture. Then we will look for how we can apply these concepts to our daily lives so that we can live out a life of worship.



EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in these passages.

Read Revelation 4:8-5:14 (NET)

⁸ Each one of the four living creatures had six wings and was full of eyes all around and inside. They never rest day or night, saying:
“Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God, the All-Powerful, Who was and who is, and who is still to come!”

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders throw themselves to the ground before the one who sits on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever, and they offer their crowns before his throne, saying:

¹¹ “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, since you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created!”

5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the front and back and sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a powerful angel proclaiming in a loud voice: “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it. ⁴ So I began weeping bitterly because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered; thus he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ Then I saw standing in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, a Lamb that appeared to have been killed. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then he came and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne, ⁸ and when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures

and the twenty-four elders threw themselves to the ground before the Lamb. Each of them had a harp and golden bowls full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints). ⁹ They were singing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals because you were killed, and at the cost of your own blood you have purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. ¹⁰ You have appointed them as a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels in a circle around the throne, as well as the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand—thousands times thousands— ¹² all of whom were singing in a loud voice:

“Worthy is the lamb who was killed to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature—in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea, and all that is in them—singing:

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be praise, honor, glory, and ruling power forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures were saying “Amen,” and the elders threw themselves to the ground and worshiped.

Read Psalm 150 (NET)

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary!
Praise him in the sky, which testifies to his strength!
² Praise him for his mighty acts!
Praise him for his surpassing greatness!
³ Praise him with the blast of the horn!
Praise him with the lyre and the harp!
⁴ Praise him with the tambourine and with dancing!
Praise him with stringed instruments and the flute!
⁵ Praise him with loud cymbals!
Praise him with clanging cymbals!
⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Read Hebrews 13:15-16 (NET)

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, acknowledging his name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

Read Romans 12:1 (NET)

Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

8. How would you describe and characterize the worship we see in Psalm 150?

9. How is the worship in Psalm 150 similar to our worship today?

10. What is the reason given for worshiping God in Psalm 150?

11. In Revelations 4-5, what are the main things that make God worthy of our worship?

12. How is God worshiped in Revelation 4-5?

13. How is the worship in Psalm 150 similar to the worship in Revelation 4-5?

14. Read Hebrews 13:15-16 and Romans 12:1. What is consistent about how these two passages describe worship?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

15. What do we do in our worship today that is honoring to God?

16. Are there things we see in these passages that we could apply to our worship that would help us be more honoring to God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES