

## **Proverbs 28:1**

**1** The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are **bold** as a lion.

## **Part 2 - BOLD Worship.**

### **Psalm 150:1-6**

**1** Praise **YE** the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

**2** Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

**3** Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

**4** Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

**5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

**6** Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise **YE** the Lord.

We need to be on a pursuit to be an extravagant worshipper.

Worship is not just for a select few people - those who are super spiritual, perfect, outgoing, or possess an over-abundance of energy. Rather, worship is for everyone. It is for the whosoever will.

David let's us know in Psalm 150 who is eligible to be a praise and worshipper.

### **Psalm 150:6**

**6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.** Praise ye the Lord.

The only qualifier to be a praiser and a worshipper is ... are you breathing?

Take a deep breath in ... and out again. That right there is all the ability you need to be an extravagant worshipper!

You don't have to be perfect and never make mistakes, you don't have to be super spiritual, you don't have to have a certain personality.

Let everything **that hath breath** praise the Lord!!

Everybody can be and everybody NEEDS TO BE a praiser!

We need to stop treating scriptures like this as worship **suggestions** or **options**, but rather worship **commands**.

Options are according to personal preference and taste, commands are according to law and principle.

Many people seemingly read Psalm 150 like this:

### **Psalm 150:1-6 (Steve Willoughby Paraphrase)**

**1** Praise ye the Lord when it is convenient. Praise God in his sanctuary if and when you have time to make it to church: praise him on your way to work if your not too busy listening to a radio talk show.

**2** Praise him for his mighty acts, at least those he hasn't disappointed you about: praise him according to his excellent greatness when things are going great.

**3** Praise him with the sound of the muted trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp, harp, harp about those things that's been bugging you.

**4** Praise him with the timbrel and dance, but of course that is just a figure of speech or at best its for a few hyper-active simpletons: praise him with stringed instruments and organs all you on the worship team and I will too if I'm in a good mood.

**5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals, just make sure they are not too loud...

**6** Let every thing that hath breath and energy to spare and nothing better to do praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord when you feel like it.

We know that's not how it reads. Ten times we are **commanded** to worship God in these six verses alone. (Praise him, praise him, praise him, .... )

Worship is about Lordship. Who's in charge? Flesh and logic or Spirit and Word? What am I submitted to? Am I submitted to the opinions of those around me or am I submitted to the worship **commands** of jump, clap, shout, dance, sing, cry aloud?

Some view extravagant worship like heated seats in a car. They're nice on a cold winter day, but if you don't have them you still have power to go places.

We need to start viewing extravagant worship as the engine and the gasoline that powers God's presence.

The Bible tells us that God inhabits the **PRAISES** of His people. God's **PRESENCE** is directly connected to our **PRAISES**. With that in mind, I have a question for you. How

much of His presence do you want? How bad do you want God to step into your situation?

Scripture says that in His presence there is fullness of joy, so I have a question for you. How much joy do you want?

When the presence of God sweeps into a place, miracles, signs and wonders are loosed, so I have a question for you. How much of the miraculous do you want?

It all hinges on our praise and worship.

Our praise is what propels us into the manifest presence of God. That's why we start off every service with praise and worship. We need to have His presence!

### **Simple Definition:**

Worship is a visible overflow of my love for God.

Love has no evidence without a visible manifestation. If there is no visible manifestation then my love is nothing more than lip service.

John 3:16 says ... For God so loved that he **GAVE** his only son. Real love demands a manifestation.

With that in mind, look at how God instructs us to love Him:

### **Deuteronomy 6:5**

**5** And thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thine **heart** (emotion), and with all thy **soul** (mind, understanding, intellect), and with all thy **might** (energy, strength, vehemently).

We get the first two down in worship quite often, but sometimes we neglect to put our might into it. If we are going to worship according to the book, we have to put our energy into it.

Real worship is never cheap. It is always going to cost you something.

In Genesis we read of a man named Abraham, to whom God gave many great and wonderful promises! God promised Abraham that He would give him a land of his own and that he would have many descendants that would be as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sands of the sea. Much of God's promise hinged upon Abraham having a son. It was a long time coming, but finally Abraham and Sarah had a son and named him Isaac. This was the promised son through whom all of Abraham's descendants would come.

Not long after, God spoke to Abraham:

### **Genesis 22:2-5**

**2** And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

**3** And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

**4** Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

**5** And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and **worship**, and come again to you.

This is the first time we read of worship in the scripture, and it is directly connected to great sacrifice, because if you're really going to worship God you have to be willing to sacrifice some things. You have to be willing to sacrifice ego, pride, poise, position, popularity, etc.

Real worship is never cheap.

When David wanted to make a sacrifice to God after directly disobeying Him and taking a census of the people, he went to the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

### **2 Samuel 24:22-24**

**22** And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

**23** All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

- Araunah was willing to give David everything he needed for a sacrifice, including the oxen, but David refused to take everything for free. I love his response:

**24** And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

David refused to offer a sacrifice to God that was cheap. He wanted it to cost him something.

When we bring praise and worship to God, we should never be satisfied to give Jesus a cheap praise. It should always cost us something. It should cost us our pride, ego, a few drops of sweat, our hair do, some bobby-pins, our perfect and prim outfits, etc.

- If what you are wearing is going to keep you from worshipping God extravagantly, change into something else. If you can't lift your hands or do some dancing in it, change! Save it for the next funeral you have to go to, but don't wear it to church.

Our worship should always cost us something!

That's why you read verses like this:

### **Psalm 27:6b**

**6b** therefore will I offer in his tabernacle **sacrifices** of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

### **Hebrews 13:15**

**15** By him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice** of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Our worship should never be cheap. It should always cost us something.

David knew what it was to be a worshipper.

While bringing back the Ark of the Covenant, David worshipped God extravagantly.

### **2 Samuel 6:12-17, 20-23**

**12** And it was told king David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obbedom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obbedom into the city of David with gladness.

**13** And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

**14** And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

**15** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

**16** And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

**17** And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

**20** Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

**21** And David said unto Michal, **It was before the Lord**, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: **therefore will I play before the Lord.**

- David knew who he was worshipping for. He wasn't worshipping to impress people, he was worshipping for God so it didn't matter who didn't like it. It didn't matter who saw him, or what he looked like to them, his worship was for the Lord! In fact David didn't even care what he looked like to himself.

**22** And I will yet be more vile (undignified) than thus, **and will be base in mine own sight**: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

**23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.**

We can resist extravagant worship and embrace dead, dry services if we want to, but you know the problem with resisting worship is? There's no new life.

David's wife, Michal, resisted his extravagant worship, and the Bible says **THEREFORE** she had no children unto the day of her death. She was infertile and had no new babies for David and his kingdom.

If we are going to resist extravagant and BOLD worship, then we might as well shut this whole thing down now, because we aren't in the business of patting each other on the back because we're all saved. We are in the business of seeing new souls added and birthed into the kingdom of God.

A worshipping church is a fertile church. A worshipping youth group is a fertile youth group. That's a place where new babies can be born into The Kingdom!