

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Part 9 of THE PURPLE BOOK. Psalm 13.
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WORSHIP WHEN LIFE IS HARD

- Psalm 13 is a song of two halves and two moods.
- Verses 1-4: He worships in response to hard times - prayer and complaint.
- Verses 5-6: He worships in response to God's love & salvation - joy, singing.
- In hard times, we don't run from God, we run to him in worship.

MY SHOCKING DISCOVERY

PART 1: WHY WE WORSHIP

1. Everyone was designed for worship - Psalm 100:1-3.

Psalms 100:1-3 (ESV) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture..

2. Believers are destined for worship - Ephesians 1:4-6.

Ephesians 1:4-6 (ESV) In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace,.

3. Believers do all of life as worship - Romans 12:1.

Romans 12:1 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

PART 2: HOW WE WORSHIP

1. Receive and respond - Ephesians 1:3.

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

- This is the primary principle of our worship celebrations.

- Today's order of service - receive and respond

Welcome and Invocation

Pray

Sing

Bible Reading - Psalm 13

Bible Teaching - Part 1

Sing

A.C.T.S. Prayer

Sing

Diedre - Missionary Guest

Pray

Bible Teaching - Part 2

Holy Communion

Sing

The Apostles' Creed

Baptism

Doxology

Blessing

2. As we hear and believe God's written Word - 1 Corinthians 2:2-5.

- The Word is the law of God.
- The Word is the good news of God.

1 Corinthians 2:2-5 (ESV) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Timothy 4:13 (ESV) Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation (application - receive), to teaching.

3. So that we can see and believe God's visible Word.

- Baptism - God's visible promise that we are in Christ.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...

- Holy Communion - God's visible promise that Christ is in us.

Luke 22:19 (ESV) ... "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

CONCLUSION: INSPIRED BY WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

Revelation 4:8 (ESV) "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

TODAY'S BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL TERMS: THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

There is nothing more important in life than worship. We all worship something or someone. The only question is whether we will worship the right One in the right way. We want all of life to be worship to God (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31) and we want our worship services on Sunday to please Him. The following biblical values should shape corporate worship:

1. **Glory to God**. Worship is ultimately for Him. Corporate worship anticipates the heavenly gathering of God's people: before the throne, praising and singing of Christ's work, earnest, and devoted to God.
2. **Focused on the Gospel of Christ** - his life, death, and resurrection. The gospel makes worship possible. The gospel is what we read, proclaim, sing, and pray in worship.
3. **Biblical**. The whole service teaches God's people, so everything must be biblical. In corporate worship we read the Bible, preach the Bible, pray the Bible, sing the Bible, and see the Bible in the sacraments - all according to the Bible.
4. **Edifying to God's people**. God's people are built up by the truth.
5. **Emphasizing the ordinary means of grace** – prayer, Bible, sacraments. We come to worship to give God glory, but even more so to meet with him and receive a blessing from his hand (Num. 6:24-26). The central act in the worship service is the preaching of God's word.
6. **Congregational Singing**.
7. **Prayerful**. Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

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