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David The Worshipper (part 2)
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There is a mighty move of God's Spirit all across the globe, calling people into intimacy with God through extravagant worship.

We continue this Sunday looking at the life of David - in order to glean insights on being a worshipper. Last Sunday, we discovered the heart of a worshipper:

THE HEART OF A WORSHIPPER

- 1, His recognition of God's greatness
- 2, His hunger for God
- 3, His pursuit of holiness
- 4, His undivided devotion in good times and bad

Today, we will talk about :

- The lifestyle of a worshipper, and
- The service (ministry) of a worshipper

We will also take a closer look at the Tabernacle of David and the kind of worship David established in the land of Israel.

THE LIFESTYLE OF A WORSHIPPER

It is clear in Scripture that Worship is more than something we do during dedicated hours of singing. *True worship really is a lifestyle.* It includes offering up of our bodies as a living sacrifice which is our act of worship (Romans 12:1,2).

True worship is a lifestyle. For a worshipper, everything is as unto the Lord, to glorify Him, to declare His praises. A true worshipper worships even when he is not singing a song.

We become like unto whom we worship. Our lifestyle, attitudes, choices, behaviour, etc become transformed into the image and likeness of the One we worship.

How did David's worship affect his lifestyle? Or How did David's lifestyle reflect His worship of God? Here are some things that we can observe about David's lifestyle:

#1, A worshipper from his youth



David must have been in his early teens, taking care of his father's sheep. Even in those days - as a shepherd, guiding his sheep through the pastures, he gained a reputation among people. This is what people said about the teenage boy David:

1Samuel 16:18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."

David's skill in playing - was not just an expression of talent - but was his worship of God.

Key Point: Become a worshipper now. The most opportune time to worship God is now!

#2, A lifestyle of personal worship

David worshipped while he went about his daily task of taking care of sheep. He worshipped not because he had an audience among men, or a congregation to lead. He worshipped because He was in love with God.

Psalm 23, possibly one of the most well-known psalms was written as a reflection of his encounters with God as a shepherd boy - his encounters with God in private.

Key Point: A true worshipper worships God in private. He has a lifestyle of personal worship. What he does in the congregation (or up on stage) is only an overflow of what is already happening in private.

As we saw last Sunday, many of David's psalms were an expression of his personal pursuit of God.

Psalm 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

#3, Bold in battle, Wise in daily life

David experienced great triumph over Goliath because David knew his God (1 Samuel 17:34-37,45-47). And yet after such a great victory, when people celebrated him, when he was promoted in the kingdom, and when even king Saul was jealous/fearful/hateful of David - David behaved wisely.

1 Samuel 18:14,30

14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.



Key Point: A true worshipper is unalarmed about spiritual conflict, because He really knows His God and is so obsessed with His God that the enemy is of no significance. He walks with boldness and wisdom that leaves the enemy in disarray.

The more you worship God, the less important the devil becomes.

True worshippers pay little attention to satan, because they know how big their God is.

True worshippers are not really concerned about what the enemy is bringing against them because they recognize that they are in a place of immunity - in the secret place of the most High, where the God of this universe is their hiding place.

#4, Honoring God's anointed

A very remarkable example set by David is in his honoring of king Saul - even when Saul had departed into a place of disobedience.

Saul attempted to kill David in many ways - so much so that David has to hide to protect himself. David had two great opportunities to kill Saul - and yet he refrained from doing so. His primary reason for restraining himself was that he would not raise his hand against God's anointed.

David respected the fact that God had appointed and anointed Saul.

What you respect (honor) you will attract in to your own life. What you despise (treat lightly) you will loose from your own life.

1 Samuel 24:4-6

4 Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.' " And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

5 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.

6 And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

1 Samuel 26:9,11

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?"

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

Honor is giving reverence and respect.



We honor people not just because of their own merit, but because of the God who has assigned a certain role and responsibility to them for us. We honor man, because we honor the God who has appointed them over our lives.

Giving honor is an important part of a godly life - of the life of a worshipper. A wife is to honor her husband (Ephesians 5:33). Children are to honor their parents (Ephesians 6:1,2). God's people are to honor those in spiritual leadership (1 Thessalonians 5:12,13; Hebrews 13:17). We are to honor those in civil leadership (Romans 13:1-5; 1 Peter 2:17). Employees are to honor their employers (Ephesians 6:4-6). We are to honor one another (1 Peter 2:17; Ephesians 5:21). We are to honor even the least in God's kingdom (Matthew 10:42).

Honor is demonstrated through faithfulness (1 Samuel 22:14; 24:17). Are you faithful to those God has set over your life?

Key Point: A true worshipper demonstrates honor of man, because of his honor of the God who appointed the man.

#5, A worshipper listens to God

We observe often in David's life the statement "David inquired of God". He did this before he became king and continued doing this even after he became king.

just one example:

1 Samuel 23:1-5

1 Then they told David, saying, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they are robbing the threshing floors."

2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Look, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once again. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."

5 And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines, struck them with a mighty blow, and took away their livestock. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

Key Point: A true worshipper has a heart in tune with God, that seeks know and to do what pleases God.

We desire to walk in continual obedience, because we reverence His presence.

The language of intimacy is obedience. Jesus said 'if you love me, keep my commandments'.



Side Note: Too many people go about these days saying "the Lord told me" this and "the Lord led me to do that" when it is quite obvious to see that they are not in alignment to God's written Word, are not walking in godly wisdom and are using this phrase just as an excuse to pursue their own interests. We must avoid falling into this. When some one comes and says "the Lord told me....", and in reality they are totally wrong, it is very difficult to speak the counsel of the Lord into their life, because they think we are contradicting what the Lord has supposedly told them.

A true worshipper has a tender heart not only to listen to God for himself, but to also listen to what God is saying through people.

#6, Undignified and unrestrained

David's worship of God went beyond the ordinary.

2 Samuel 6:14-23

David the king celebrated before God, as the ark of the covenant was moved into the city of David. He danced and played music before the Lord with all his might. He was unashamed. He humbled himself before God and people as he worshipped. He did it as unto the Lord.

Key Point: A true worshipper is unafraid to express his adoration of the Lord, even if he is despised by man, in doing so.

THE SERVICE OF A WORSHIPPER

We now move to consider how a true worshipper serves God. The ministry of a worshipper. How does the worship of God affect our service to God?

Perhaps one of the high points of David's service unto God was the Tabernacle he built - a place of worship - known as the Tabernacle of David.

In his planning, organizing, establishing and building of the Tabernacle, we see David's heart in his service to God:

- David recognized God's worthiness of everything he did in service to God
- David was extravagant in giving and the people followed his example
- David went beyond doing just the bare minimum for the house of God
- David laid it all down to give God his best



The Tabernacle of David - Quick Overview

The Tabernacle of David refers to the tent that King David set up on Mt. Zion when he brought back the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (1Chr. 15:1). Within this tent, a new order of worship was instituted which was unlike anything that preceded it. From the tribe of Levi, and the priests David appointed 4000 musicians and 288 singers who ministered day and night to the Lord. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year they ministered, and this continued **for 33 years**. (1Chr. 16:37, 23:5, 25:6-7; 2Sam 5:5). Many of the Psalms were originally written and sung as prophetic songs of worship in David's tabernacle.

Important Features of worship in the David's tabernacle

1, Extravagant Worship & powerful intercession

Continuous 24/7 worship and intercession

Musicians and singers - dedicated to worship God

1 Chronicles 16:4

2, Prophetic worship

1 Chronicles 25:1-8

The Tabernacle worship was not just a routine singing of hymns and songs. These were prophetic in nature - inspired by the Spirit, often spontaneous, or songs inspired by the Spirit, written down and sung to the Lord.

The majority of the Psalms were birthed in David's Tabernacle.

3, Orderly worship with Excellence

288 singers (1 Chr.25:7) , 4000 musicians, 4000 doorkeepers (1 Chr.23:5)

1 Chronicles 16:4,37

1 Chronicles 24:18,19

There were 24 groups or teams of musicians and singers.

These were highly skilled musicians. There was excellence (1 Chronicles 25:7).

There was rank (leadership) and order in everything that was setup. People walked under their leaders (1 Chronicles 25:6,8).

With establishing a habitation for God's presence, comes transformation.

The finger of God

God points to the Tabernacle of David as a prototype and foretells that it will be rebuilt.

Amos 9:11-13



With the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David, the Lord foretold that

1, the Gentiles will come seeking God

2, the harvest will be so plentiful, that it will continue into the next "seed time", so that as the plowman begins to plow and sow, the harvesters would have not completed gathering in all the harvest from the last season.

The Church

The Church is the spiritual fulfillment of the Tabernacle of David being restored

Acts 15:13-18

After the 1000 year dark ages, and the restoration of the Body of Christ, we are in a time when the Tabernacle of David is being rebuilt in our generation.

God is calling us to this kind of worship - a heart of worship, a lifestyle of worship, a service of worship - that is extravagant.

As we give ourselves to this kind of worship and intercession, we will see a mighty ingathering of souls and a harvest beyond what we have ever experienced or imagined.

The hour in which we live

The generation we are in - is the hour in which God is rebuilding the temple of praise - the tabernacle of David, where there is extravagant, Spirit-inspired and yet orderly worship and intercession with excellence.

We are the David generation!

Will you give yourself to the call to be an extravagant, prophetic worshipper - at all times!



USEFUL RESOURCES



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WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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