

Effective Prayer

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7. It is prayer that worships

“Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:21-24)

Worship is very crucial in our relationship with God. Worship is pouring out the heart, holding in awe and esteem. It is extolling and fixing our gaze on God. If we are to know God intimately we need to learn to worship Him. We need to learn to humble ourselves before Him. We need to learn to fix our gaze on Him.

At the foundation of worship is a heart that is totally humbled before God; a heart that is bowed before God; a heart that clings to God; a heart that has taken hold of God. There is an element of brokenness in every true worship. Remember the story of the woman who came and anointed the feet of Jesus with a very expensive oil of sweet smell. The Bible says she broke the bottle and the aroma of that oil filled the room. A worship from a broken heart is like that. Its sweet smell fills God's presence.

God is looking for worshippers. Jesus says clearly here that God is seeking for those who shall worship Him in spirit and in truth. Many people worship God with their mouths while their hearts are far away from God. They know the motions and the outward looks. But their hearts are not really filled with worship for God. He is looking of people who shall worship Him with all that is them.

Coming to Europe from an African background, I noticed that people here didn't understand worship. People cared more about their human dignity than to be lost in the awesomeness of God. They stand stiff and closed without expressions of thanksgiving and worship. Little doubt we have very little results. How can we approach God with our heads only while our hearts are far away from Him? How can we say we love God and never tell Him that in the most passionate way we can? How God longs for His church to be a worshipping church.

What are the qualities of true worship?

- It is expressive. It is just a child expresses how he feels when he receives something good from the father. He runs around, he kisses the dad, he shows it everyone around. In the same way worship is very expressive. How does
- It is true and sincere. It comes from the heart.
- It is spiritual.
- It is broken and humble.

Some of the outward expressions of worship include:

- Hands raised up to the heavens
- Lying prostrate on the floor
- Kneeling down
- Singing with feeling and passion
- Dancing
- Extolling with a loud voice
- Crying
- Etc.

Worship is the outpouring of the heart to God. Worship is one of the most important function of the angels and saints in heaven. And that s what we are going to be doing for all eternity. How fantastic.

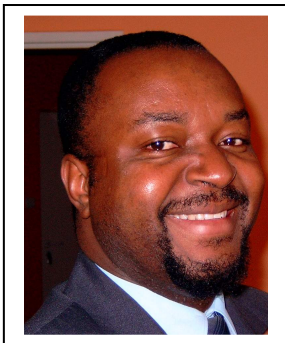
Rev 4:10-11

“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

We are created to worship God. Worshipping God is our destiny, our life. We are empty and without hope when we do not worship God. God is searching for worshippers. God is searching for people who shall worship Him in Spirit and in truth. He is searching for them. Become a worshipper.

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