

NEW CHRISTIAN BASICS – Part Seven: WORSHIP, and SERVE HIM

WORSHIP BY GIVING YOUR BODY TO GOD

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

I asked Scott what this meant to him and right off the bat he said that you don't harm your body on purpose. This speaks to those who are so oppressed that you want to commit suicide. That is coming from satan. God did not create any of us to take our lives.



If you ever feel that way, cry out to Jesus, He will be there for you. He has good plans and a special purpose for each one of us. We are to give ourselves to Him to be used for His purposes.

Another thing is to remember when you belong to the Lord, you are His representative on this earth. You should think about how you present yourself, how you dress, what you say where you go and what you do. Be God's hands and feet and mouthpiece on this earth. Let Him speak through you to witness to others, to share the gospel and draw the lost to Jesus Christ. Do good deeds so that God will get the glory.

Conscientiously think about what comes out of your mouth, don't let it be cursing or filthy talk. Guard your gates: eyes, ears, nose, mouth and skin gates against unholy things. Work for His Kingdom.

WORSHIP IN SONG



Acts 16:25 - And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

God delivered them, He fights our battles and goes before us and behind us and delivers us when we praise and worship Him. (II Chronicles 20 tells a powerful story of God fighting for Israel against her enemies when they sang to the LORD.)

John 4:24 - God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship *Him* in spirit and in truth.

Psalm 28:7 - The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.

Psalm 108:3 - I will praise Thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

Psalm 71:23 – My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

Psalm 100:1-5 - A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He *is* God: *it is* He *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting; and His truth *endureth* to all generations.

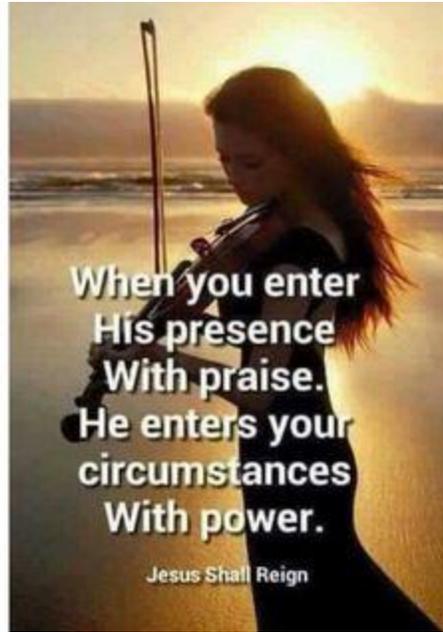
WORSHIP BY PRAISING HIM



Psalm 145:3 - Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness *is* unsearchable.

Isaiah 25:1 – O LORD, Thou *art* my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful *things*; *Thy* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.

Psalm 150:6 - Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.



Psalm 22:3 - But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel. *If He inhabits their praises, He inhabits our praises because we are His children through Jesus Christ!!*

WORSHIP IN THANKING HIM

Luke 17:12-19 - And as He (Jesus) entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw *them*, He said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And He said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.



Have you gotten what you wanted from God and then failed to come back and thank Him? Let's be thankful and not use God and just move on and forget Him.

Psalm 105:1 – O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

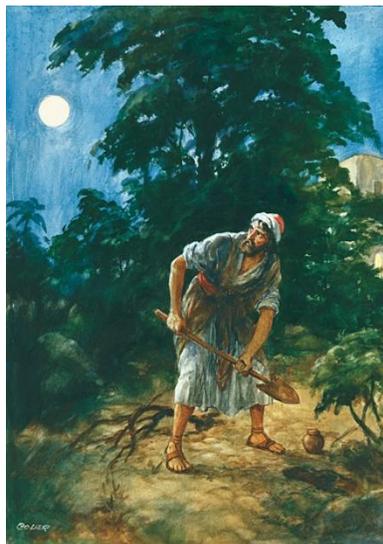
1 Thess.5:18 - In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

This doesn't mean thank God for the problems or for the trials or for the sickness or for the things we battle and endure in this fallen world. But it means that we continually give Him thanks no matter the circumstances or storms or trials in our lives. You might think of it reading like this: In every storm, thank Jesus for His grace is sufficient for you. Thank God for His Son. Thank God for His mercy to save us from sin. Thank God because He is our Deliverer from our afflictions. Thank God that Jesus is your Healer and thank Him that His Word is true and that your healing will come in Jesus' name. Be thankful to Him no matter what comes your way. Satan wants to sift you just like he sifted Peter. He wants to do harm and damage in your life just like he was allowed to do in Job's life, but in all of that heartache and loss and sickness Job didn't lose faith in God. He was more blessed in the end of his life because of his love for God and his faith to keep standing no matter how his world was crumbling around him.

SERVE HIM

Work for His Kingdom using your gifts and talents.

Matt.25:14-30 – For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a Man travelling into a far country, Who called His own servants, and delivered unto them His goods. And unto one He gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took His journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his Lord's money. After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth (checked) with them. And so he that had received five talents, saying Lord, Thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, Thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew Thee that Thou art an hard man, reaping where Thou hast not sown, and gathering where Thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid Thy talent in the earth: lo, there Thou hast that is Thine.



V. 26 His Lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, Thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put My money to the exchangers, and then at My coming I should have received mine own with usury (interest). Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Lamentations 2:16 – speaks of the enemy gnashing on us with his teeth. This is twofold I believe – talking bad and running us down as well as in hell when the demons gnash on those that have chosen to go there.



Don't ever think hell and the lake of fire and outerdarkness are just places without God's presence. There will be torture and punishment there as well as void of love and mercy and compassion. I noticed that many of the witch tv

evangelists are now saying that they just think hell is not having God in your life. They are saying that because a lot of people will think, well I'm going to live for the moment and get all I can and I don't mind spending eternity without God in my life. They probably think, well I don't have Him now and so I can deal with this for eternity. No, it is more than that, it is also physical torment and pain continually.

CLOSING



The talents that God has given you to use are usually the things you do very well. Things that come natural to you and things you are passionate about, that is where your talent lies. God also has gifts He gives us to use for His Kingdom. (1 Cor. 12, Romans 12:6-8) Some examples are: singing, teaching, encouraging, giving **yes, giving is a talent!, taking care of the nursery, being an usher, cleaning the church, manicuring the church lawn, worship leader, helps – like Scott edits the video's and does all technology for this ministry, cooking for grieving families or for special church functions, prophets, evangelists, speaking in tongues. Gift of healing, gift of miracles, gift of faith, gift of wisdom, gift of knowledge, pastors, comforting, discerning of spirits (seeing demons in the spirit realm as well as meeting someone and knowing what demonic spirits are at work in their lives), showing mercy, showing love, hospitality, helping others, administration – paperwork and organization skills, praying for others, giving others a ride to church, reading God's Word to the elderly, ministering in a nursing home or a prison.

Grow in your faith and get your relationship with Jesus going strong and then approach your Pastor and see if there is something you can do to serve your church. Get busy for God.

PRAYER