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#25 - Worship: Your Rating of God

"Worship Him who made heaven and earth" (Revelation 14:7). Is there more to worship than going to church on the Sabbath? According to you what is worship, and what is a good worship service? Of course, you say, it must be a service where they worship MY way! — with music I like and sermons I approve of? If you like the worship service, you will return to that church — very much as you would return to a restaurant that served your kind of food? But how does God rate your worship? Ask yourself this question as you look over the following Biblical vocabulary on the meaning of worship and praise.

Praise: Halah (Hebrew): To make a show, to boast, to celebrate, to shine. Halah is an ecstatic shout of joy, an extemporaneous response to favorable and joyful situation. When we halal the Lord "we make clear" His glory, we "boast" of Him and "rave" over Him. Praise has with it the feeling of overflowing, joyful expression.

Bless: Barak (Hebrew). To kneel, to bless God. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1,2). The opposite of blessing the Lord is to forget His benefits. Therefore, blessing the Lord involves recalling all of His acts of toward us. Eulogeo (Greek) well, well done, to speak well of.

Sing: Shuwr (Hebrew): to sing. "O sing unto the Lord a new song" (Psalm 96:1) Zamar (Hebrew): to touch the parts of a musical instrument, to make music, to sing forth praise. Ranan (Hebrew) "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise (or shout) to the rock of our salvation." (Psalm 95:1,2). Ado (Greek) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Shout: Ranan (Hebrew): To shout for joy, to cry out, be joyful. "And shout for joy all you who are upright in heart" Psalm 32:11. Ruwa (Hebrew): to split the ears with sound, to shout, make a joyful noise. By reading the Psalms of David, one cannot help but understand that when it

came to celebrating the goodness of God among the people, the Hebrew praise was vivacious, exuberant, high-sounding and powerful.

Thank: Yadah (Hebrew): Literally hold out the hand, to revere, or worship with extended hands, to make confession, to give thanks. The term implies a vocal, forthright statement of our love and devotion to God. *Eucharisteo* (Greek): to express gratitude.

Magnify: Gadal (Hebrew): To make large, advance, boast, increase, lift up, promote, to speak proudly of. *Megaluno* (Greek): to make great, enlarge. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:3). When we magnify God, we simply admire and brag on who He is and what He has done.

Worship, according to this, is about your personal rating of God. What rating do you give God in worship?

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