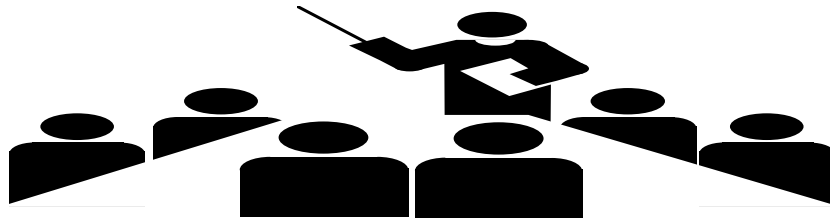


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Inspiring Worship Scripture: Psalm 96:1-13

PROPOSITION: When God is pleased with our worship, He manifests His presence; and worship becomes an inspiring experience for the members of the church.

I. Worship is about praise and proclamation, not entertainment and spectatorship. [1-3]

A. It is about praise:

1. It entails singing to the Lord, not entertaining people.
 - a. The entire congregation is to sing songs of praise to the Lord.
 - b. Choirs are to sing choral selections to the Lord as special offerings.
2. It entails singing fresh new songs to supplement (not replace) the rich old hymns.
3. It entails singing that blesses (or praises) the name of the Lord.

B. It is about proclamation:

1. It entails proclaiming the good news of His salvation.
2. It entails declaring His glory among the nations.
3. It entails testifying of His wonderful works among all people.

II. Worship is about God (God-Centered), not about us (people-centered). [4-6]

A. The Lord is to be praised because only He is great.

1. He is greatly to be praised.
2. He is to be worshipped in spirit and in truth.

B. The Lord is to be praised because only He is God.

1. He is to be revered, feared, and worshipped, above all gods.
2. He alone is to be worshipped because all the gods of the peoples are idols.

C. The Lord is to be praised because only He is Creator.

D. The Lord is to be praised because only He is worthy.

1. Honor and majesty are before Him.
2. Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

III. Worship is about what we give God, not what He gives us. [7-8]

A. We are commanded to give to the Lord.

B. We are commanded to give to the Lord glory and strength.

C. We are commanded to give to the Lord the glory due His name.

D. We are commanded to bring an offering as a part of our worship.

E. We are commanded to come into His courts for worship.

IV. Worship is about manifesting God's holiness in our lives, not just in our praise. [9]

A. It is about manifesting God's character by how we live. [God is Light]

B. It is about manifesting God's character by how we love. [God is Love]

C. It is about manifesting God's character by how we reverence Him everywhere. [God is omnipresent]

V. Worship is about submitting to God's reign, not putting people in bondage. [10-13]

A. *It is about conveying to the world the benefits of life under God's control.*

1. When we let God reign in our lives, the things that matter will be firmly established.
2. When we let God reign in our lives, the things He establishes shall not be moved.

B. *It is about rejoicing in the Lord and serving Him with gladness.*

1. Let the heavens rejoice.
2. Let the earth be glad.
3. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness.
4. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
5. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord.

C. *It is about recognizing that God is sovereign and that ultimately we are accountable to Him.*

1. He will judge the nations righteously.
2. He is coming to judge the earth.
3. He will judge the world with righteousness.
4. He will judge the peoples with His truth.

VI. Offering Acceptable Worship to God [Hebrews 12:28, 29; 13:1-16]

²⁸*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.*

A. Our Motive for Worship: receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken or destroyed (12:28)

B. Our Goal for Worship: pleasing God (12:28)

C. Our Manner of Worship: reverence and awe (12:28)

D. Our Method of Worship: worship beyond the walls (13:1-17)

1. Our love in action [1-3]

- a. Outreach to the homeless [meeting felt needs- food, shelter, clothing; block parties; etc] [2]
- b. Outreach to those in prison [Bible studies, services, care packages, supporting families] [3]
- c. Outreach to the mistreated [championing the cause of the oppressed, fighting injustice] [3]
- d. Outreach to the sick and shut-in [Bible studies, services, care packages, etc]

2. Our lives on display [4-7]

- a. A lifestyle that honors marriage [4]
- b. A lifestyle that is free from covetousness [5]
- c. A lifestyle that demonstrates faith in God [His presence, providence, and protection] [5-6]
- d. A lifestyle that follows godly examples [7]

3. Our Lord honored [8-17]

- a. He alone is the unchanging God. [8]
- b. He alone is the true source of grace. [9]
- c. He alone is the sufficient sacrifice for our sins. [10-12]
- d. He alone is worthy of our worship. [13-17]

- 1) We must come to Him [13]
- 2) We must be willing to suffer as He did. [13]
- 3) We must seek for a city that is to come. [14]
- 4) We must worship Him by offering the sacrifice of praise. [15]
- 5) We must worship Him by professing the glory of His name. [15]
- 6) We must worship Him by doing going everywhere we can [16]
- 7) We must worship Him by sharing what we have with those in need. [16]