

Let Us Bow Down!

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Psalms 95:1-11

1. **David wrote of bowing, kneeling before God, our creator.**
2. **Bowing our heart before Him is part of the worship that is due Him and He deserves the best we can offer.**
3. **Did we come prepared – totally prepared – to worship Him today?**

Why Do We Worship?

1. **He is our God and we recognize His awesomeness!**

Psalms 95:7 **For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture,** And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

2. **He made us and for that we are forever thankful to Him.**

Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD, He is God; **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;** We are **His people** and the sheep of His pasture.

A. We are made "In His Own Image."

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

3. He loved us and we desire to show our love for Him.**Romans 5:6-8****4. He deserves our reverence and we should desire to give it to Him.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.** For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

5. He must be counted as HOLY.**Leviticus 10:1-3****What Worship Is****1. We bow down before Him, to kneel.**

Psalms 95:6 Oh come, **let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel** before the LORD our Maker.

2. We exalt Him (to raise to a position of greater power).

Psalms 99:5 **Exalt the LORD our God,** And worship at His footstool—He is holy.

Psalms 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.

3. We give Him the glory that is due Him.

Psalms 29:1-2 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. **Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

4. Praise Him!

Psalms 146:1-2 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

A. The sacrifice of praise.

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

B. Spiritual sacrifices.

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

True Worship Today

1. It is much more than just emotion.

John 4:23-24

2. It is from the depths of our heart.

Matthew 15:7-9

3. It is to constantly remember and proclaim Him as our almighty.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

4. While we praise God, we are also admonishing one another.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Conclusion

- 1. Let us all be reminded – that worship is not about us.**
 - A. It is about praising and honoring God for His great love and mercy that He has bestowed on us.**
- 2. Worship that follows truth will also spring from a grateful heart, causing us to want to seek to honor God.**
 - A. Not as spectators but as willing participants.**
- 3. Have we truly bowed our hearts to obey Christ in all things?**
- 4. His invitation calls us to come to Him now.**

Matthew 11:28-30 **Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

