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First, Let's Have a Talk

A Word from Your Study Guide Author

When you asked Christ into your heart and life, you were born in God's family. He had already shown His love to you by sending Jesus to die in your stead. He continues to show you His love by answering your prayers and meeting your needs.

You in turn have responded by accepting what He offered you and by thanking Him for His many blessings. But your heart is reaching out to do more. You want to express your love further. As you grow in your Christian life, your desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled.

That longing isn't one-sided, for God also longs to have fellowship and communion with us. He is waiting for His children to respond to Him. He desires our worship, and we in turn will realize a fulfillment in worship and praise that we find in no other way.

Our praise opens avenues of benefit and blessing that the Lord wants us to experience and to share with others. This study course will help you not only in your private devotions, but also as you share with a group.

A modern method of teaching yourself helps you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

Your Study Guide

This book is a pocket-sized workbook that you can take with you and study whenever you have five or ten minutes free. Try to do at least a lesson a week.

You will notice that objectives are given at the beginning of each lesson. The word *objective* is used in this book to help you know what to expect from your study. An objective is something like a goal or a purpose. You will study better if you keep in mind your objectives.

Be sure to study carefully the first two pages of each lesson. This prepares your mind for what follows. Next, study the lesson section by section and follow the instructions under the title *For You to Do*. If there is not enough room to write your answers to the study questions in the study guide, write them in a notebook so you can refer back to them when you review the lessons. If you are studying this course with a group, follow the instructions of your group leader.

How to Answer Study Questions

There are different kinds of study questions in this study guide. Following are samples of several types and how to answer them.

A *MULTIPLE-CHOICE* question or item asks you to choose an answer from the ones that are given.

Example of Multiple-Choice Question

- 1 A week has a total of
- a) 10 days.
 - b) 7 days.
 - c) 5 days.

The correct answer is *b) 7 days*. In your study guide, make a circle around *b)* as shown here:

- 1 A week has a total of
- a) 10 days.
 - b) 7 days.
 - c) 5 days.

(For some multiple-choice items, more than one answer may be correct. In that case, you would circle the letter in front of each correct answer.)

A *TRUE-FALSE* question or item asks you to choose which of several statements are TRUE.

Example of True-False Question

- 2 Which statements below are TRUE?
- a The Bible has a total of 120 books.
 - b The Bible is a message for believers today.
 - c All of the Bible authors wrote in the Hebrew language.
 - d The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible.

Statements **b** and **d** are true. You would make a circle around these two letters to show your choices, as you see above.

A *MATCHING* question or item asks you to match things that go together, such as names with descriptions or Bible books with their authors.

Example of Matching Question

3 Write the number for the leader's name (right) in front of each phrase that describes something he did (left).

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. a Received the Law at Mt. Sinai | 1) Moses |
| 1. b Led the Israelites across Jordan | 2) Joshua |
| 2. c Marched around Jericho | |
| 2. d Lived in Pharaoh's court | |

Phrases **a** and **d** refer to *Moses*, and phrases **b** and **c** refer to *Joshua*. You would write **1** beside **a** and **d**, and **2** beside **b** and **c**, as you see above.

Your Student Report

If you are studying to earn a certificate, you will need to complete the Student Report. The Student Report and answer sheets are located at the end of the book.

There are two units in this course. In the Student Report there are questions for each unit. There is also an answer sheet for each of the two units. Your study guide will tell you when to answer the unit questions and to fill out the appropriate answer sheet.

Follow the instructions given in your student report for sending the answer sheets to the ICI office in your area. The address should be stamped at the top of the copyright page. When you do this, you will receive an attractive certificate. If you have already earned the certificate, you will receive a seal to affix to it, indicating that you have completed another course in this unit of study.

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Now you are ready to begin Lesson 1. God bless you as you study!

Additional Helps

Other materials are available for use with this study guide, including supplemental audiocassettes, an Instructor's Guide, and an Instructor's Packet (for instructor's use only). Consult the Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training Manual.

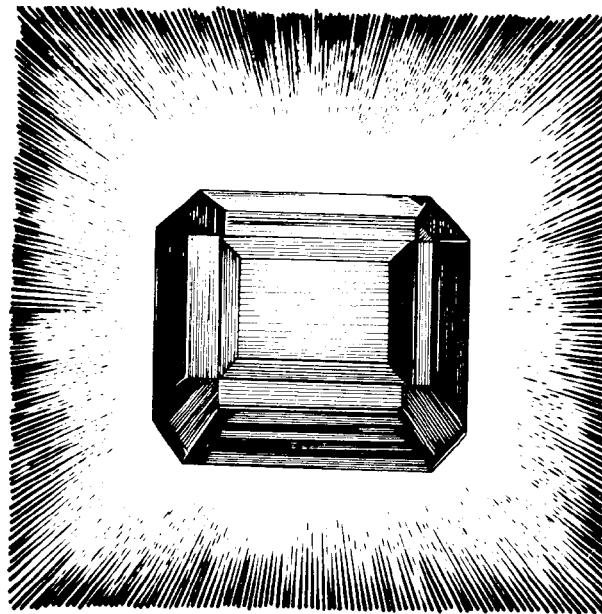
Lesson
1

Worship—a Spiritual Gem

It was a cold day. High in the Andes mountains a young man trudged down a gravel road. Suddenly he saw an interesting-looking rock, picked it up, and put it in his pocket. Little did he know what he had found! That rock, one of the largest emeralds ever found in Colombia, was sold for several million pesos and the man became wealthy.

Wouldn't you like to have found that stone? We would all love to own a precious emerald, diamond, or ruby. But, even though we may not be able to own these, there is one gem we can all have—the gem of worship.

Worshipping God is like a precious stone because it makes us spiritually rich. And, like a beautiful gem, there are different faces or facets to worship. We will study several of the most important ones. As you learn to put these truths into action, you will be polishing your “gem” of worship. The Holy Spirit will help you so that every facet radiates the beauty and glory of God.



In this lesson you will study . . .

The Meaning of Worship

Inner Qualities

Outward Expressions

This lesson will help you . . .

- Define several inner qualities necessary for effective Christian worship.
- Describe several different ways in which you can worship God.
- Compare the way you express worship with the ways mentioned in Scripture.

THE MEANING OF WORSHIP

Objective 1. *State two ways that you can worship God.*

Have you ever loved someone so much that you wanted to show your love in a special way? I'm sure that after careful thought, you said or did what would please them the most. And then, to know that you brought them joy—wasn't that a wonderful and happy feeling?

In this same way our love for God needs to be expressed. He has already expressed His love for us by sending His Son to die in our place. He shows goodness and mercy even to those who have not cared about Him. Matthew 5:45 tells us, "He makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil."

Expressing love is a two-way street. Is there any reason for us to "hide" our feelings from Him? Though He reads our hearts and sees the love that is there, He longs for us to speak our love and to demonstrate it. In so doing we open the door for Him to speak His love back to us. Then we begin to understand what fellowship and communion with the Lord is all about. Nothing else in all the world can take its place.

A woman who had sung in the night spots of the world for many years suddenly gave up her career and turned to gospel singing. When asked about her conversion, she replied, "I just got lonesome for Jesus."

There is a spiritual need that can be filled only through worship. We need to speak our love to God. We also need to demonstrate that love by our actions. How can that be done? A deed of kindness done in the name of Jesus becomes an act of worship because it pleases the Lord. The story found in Matthew 25:31-40 verifies it.

As a Christian you have already learned that pleasing the Lord brings you satisfaction and contentment. The worshipful person is also a cheerful person—that in itself is a reward. Proverbs 17:22 says, "Being cheerful keeps you healthy." Psalm 128:1 puts it this way: "Happy are those who have reverence for the Lord."



For You To Do

In each of these For You to Do sections, the questions or exercises will help you review or apply what you have studied. Be sure to answer the questions before you look at the answers.

- 1** Circle the letter in front of the correct sentence completion. To truly worship God is to do and say whatever
 - a) seems right at the moment.
 - b) makes us feel good.
 - c) is pleasing to God.
- 2** According to what we have studied, which of the following could be acts of worship?
 - a) Telling God that you love Him
 - b) Reading His Word every day
 - c) Giving a cup of water in the Name of Jesus
- 3** Write two things you could do or say that you feel would be worship to God.

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Check your answers with those at the end of this lesson.

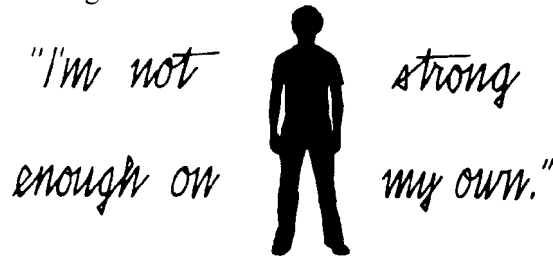
INNER QUALITIES

Objective 2. Give scriptural examples of three qualities needed for worship.

But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship he wants (John 4:23).

This verse gives the main details of what is expected of us as worshipers. Let's look at the first part of the verse, "By the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father."

What do those three words "by the power" mean? They mean that we need power or strength to worship, but the power must be greater than our own. When we admit our lack, we are taking the first step toward real worship—the step of humility. We are saying, "I'm not strong enough on my own. I need help from someone greater than I."



The next three words of this verse complete the meaning. "Of God's Spirit" tells us whose power we need. We must realize that it is not power that we can get from an earthly source. We must have the power of God's Spirit for us to worship as we ought.



The Spirit, by His power, helps us to worship the Father as He really is. This also points us toward humility. In true worship we see ourselves as children in need of love and guidance. To say "Father" is more than saying He is the Creator. It is taking our rightful place in His family and acknowledging His authority.

Does this sound like a step downward? In a way it is. But humility doesn't mean that we are to hide in a dark corner. Humility doesn't mean walking around with a sad face; it doesn't mean giving up everything we own. It means to allow the Lord first place in every area of our life. So it's not a downward step after all, for He lifts us up to new joys in Him.

When we begin to see His greatness, we are more than ready to offer the "true worship that He wants." What does He want? As His children we know that more than all else He is asking for our love and obedience.

We know that in family relationships it is impossible to separate love and obedience. One calls for, or complements, the other. If a child loves his or her parents, to obey them is usually not difficult. Rather, it becomes a pleasure. Love prompts the desire to please.

If we find ourselves wanting to go against God’s commands, we should view our attitude as a warning that our love is wearing thin. We must bow in humility, asking the Lord to forgive our self-centeredness. He will again pour in His love—love that we can pour out in joyful obedience to His will.

Just as the gem that we have mentioned has many facets, worship also has facets. We have studied three qualities that are among the most important. But, as you seek God’s Word, His Spirit will show you many more. Every new inner quality that you add and polish will make your time of worship more valuable and more beautiful.

Why don’t you take a first step in worship right now? Would you, in humility, obedience, and love, bow your head for a moment and read these words?

Dear Father,

To worship You is the greatest privilege I can have. I praise You for Your power, for the power of Your Holy Spirit. I praise You for who You really are—especially for being my Father.

I love you, Lord. Amen.



For You To Do

4 The three personal qualities for worship which we have studied are,and

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5 What quality is illustrated by each of the following verses?

a Psalm 10:17

b 1 John 3:18

c 1 John 3:24

6 Read the parable found in Matthew 21:28-32. Which of the two sons was developing the qualities we have studied?

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Check your answers.

OUTWARD EXPRESSIONS

Objective 3. *Identify from Scripture ways in which God can be worshiped.*

Now the facets of our worship gem become innumerable. In every new circumstance we will find new ways and opportunities to worship and glorify God. When we read our Bibles we see how people of long ago expressed their love, and we can learn from their experiences. As we express our love, it, too, will grow.

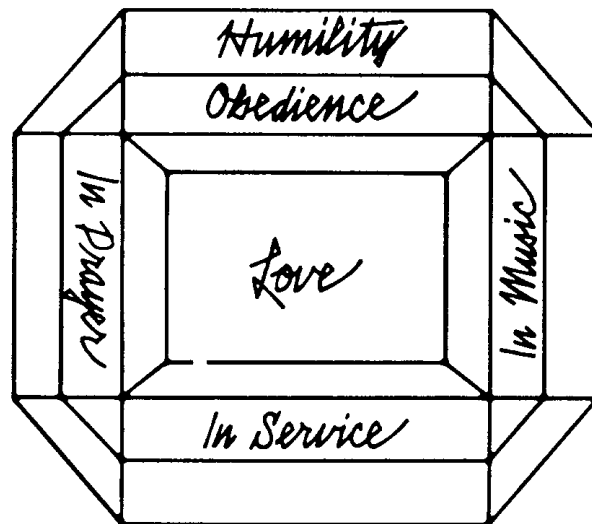
David, the shepherd who became king of Israel, worshiped the Lord with musical instruments and with song. Moses' sister Miriam worshiped with a holy dance. The great woman of Shunem simply bowed in silence, too awed for the moment to utter a word. Dorcas was a godly woman who gave God glory and honor by her consistent Christian life and her quick fingers to sew and make clothing for the poor.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, praised and exalted God. Her words were not her own. As she opened her heart and mouth to praise, she spoke words of beautiful prophecy. You can read this prayer called the Magnificat, or Mary's song, in Luke 1:46-55.

These examples show only a few of the ways we can worship the Lord. With our voices we can praise Him in song. With our bodies we can worship by playing musical instruments, clapping our hands, or raising our arms. Some of the most precious moments of worship are found in complete silence, meditating on the goodness of God. And, as we all know, actions speak as loudly as words. We praise when we obey—when we look about us and see needs that we can fill, and then do what we can to fill those needs.

Sincere worship is a precious stone found in the ordinary soil of earth, yet it can reflect the light, the beauty, and the glory of God.

Below is an illustration of worship as a valuable gem. Several facets are left blank. Fill those in with your own ideas of how you can express worship to your Heavenly Father.




For You To Do

- 7 Choose the correct completion to the sentence. One of the best ways to express our love to the Lord is to
 - a) hide from worldly influence and temptation.
 - b) repeat the same prayer over and over.
 - c) show by our actions that we love Him.

- 8 If someone were to ask you how to worship, what would you consider the best answer?
 - a) You can watch others and copy what they do.
 - b) There is more than one form of worship; you can turn to the Bible for examples.
 - c) Find what suits you best and start doing it.

9 Look up the following Scriptures and in your own words tell by what means these people worshiped God. The first one is done for you.

- a Acts 2 *Fellowshipping with believers*
- b Acts 4:32
- c Acts 8:35
- d Acts 16:15
- e Acts 16:25
- f Philemon 4



Check Your Answers

The answers to your study exercises are not given in the usual order, so that you will not see the answer to your next question ahead of time. Look for the number you need, and try not to look ahead.

- 1 c) is pleasing to God.
- 6 The older son.
- 2 All of the choices can be considered acts of worship.
- 7 c) show by our actions that we love Him.
- 3 Your answer. Examples: praising and thanking the Lord, reading the Bible prayerfully, or helping a person because you wish to show the love of God.
- 8 b) There is more than one form of worship; you can turn to the Bible for examples.
- 4 humility, love, and obedience.
- 9 Your own words, but your answers will be something like these.
 - b Sharing with others.
 - c Telling the good news.
 - d Showing hospitality.
 - e Praying and singing.
 - f Giving thanks.
- 5 a Humility.
 - b Love.
 - c Obedience.

Lesson
2

Only God Is Worthy

Our Lord and God! You are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. For you created all things, and by your will they were given existence and life (Revelation 4:11).

We worship God because He is worthy. To be worthy means “to be deserving” or “to have a right.” The Bible clearly teaches that the Lord has a right to first place in our hearts and lives.

Is it wrong to worship a stone, a piece of carved wood, a beautiful idea, or even a powerful angel? Could we do this and still reserve a place in our hearts for God?

Bible history tells us of people who believed in God, yet wanted to worship something they could see or picture in their minds. Their loyalties were divided. But the end result became worship of (and obedience to) their idols. Jesus said, “No one can be a slave of two masters” (Matthew 6:24).


We want to love, serve, and worship one Master—He who is worthy.

In this lesson you will study . . .

God’s Great Power

God’s Awesome Holiness

His Fatherly Love

worthy  = worships

visible god ≠ worships

This lesson will help you . . .

- Describe the power and holiness of God.
- Experience more of His great love.
- Appreciate the worthiness of God to be worshiped.

GOD’S GREAT POWER

Objective 1. *Describe the extent of God’s power.*

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He referred to God’s power. He said, “May your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

Jesus gave us a glimpse of heaven. There the angels serve God who had only to speak the word and worlds came into existence. Sometimes we forget about His power because we see other powers in seeming control. We must remember, however, that though He may allow people to have their own way for a while, God has never lost His power. Revelation 4:10 tells us of those who will lay their crowns (symbols of power) at the feet of Jesus. All of the universe will claim Him as Lord.

Psalm 98:2 says, “The Lord announced his victory; he made his saving power known to the nations.” There is no boundary to His presence (Psalm 139:3-10) and no limit to His knowledge (Job 28:23-24). He can stir up the mighty winds, or He can quiet the troubled sea. By His power the lily pushes its way up through the ground so it blossoms pure and white.

All of nature shows God’s power and the angels of heaven stand ready to do His will. How much more we should trust ourselves to His love and care! We are safer there than anywhere else. God can change the course of history, and with that same power He can work in and through our lives. As we recognize His power and praise Him for it, our faith in Him is increased. We realize how limited we really are without His help—and we open ourselves to receive.



For You To Do

Read Daniel 4:28-37 and then complete the following sentences.

1 In the prayer Jesus taught His disciples He spoke specifically of God’s power. What were His words?

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2 The king claimed he built Babylon to

- a) give honor to God.
- b) give his people work.
- c) display his own glory.

3 He learned that God is right and just and

- a) will someday get more power.
- b) can humble anyone who acts proudly.
- c) pays little attention to what we do.

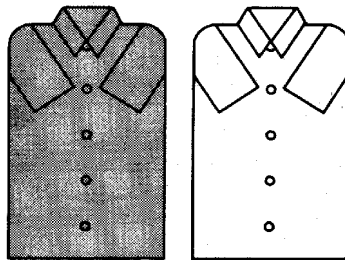
4 After this experience King Nebuchadnezzar

- a) kept still about what happened.
- b) returned to his boasting.
- c) gave honor and praise to God.

GOD’S AWESOME HOLINESS

Objective 2. Give scriptural descriptions of God’s holiness.

Perhaps you remember putting on a light-colored jacket or shirt that you thought was clean. But when you stood by something snow-white, you realized your garment was soiled and stained. Can you recall how you felt?



STAINED COMPARED TO CLEAN

That is somewhat how Isaiah the prophet felt. He knew that God is holy. He knew that holiness means being free from sin, being upright in every way. But one day he had an experience, a vision in which he saw winged creatures calling out, “Holy, holy, holy! The Lord Almighty is holy!” The sound of their voices shook the foundations of the temple. Suddenly Isaiah realized how unworthy he was to stand in the presence of God.

What could he do about it? He wasn’t clean and he knew it. He cried out, “There is no hope for me!”

Then one of the creatures touched his lips with a burning coal from the altar and took his guilt away (Isaiah 6:1-6).

What was the vision saying to Isaiah and to us? It was saying that God is so clean, so pure and holy, that we have no right to stand in His presence. That is, we have no right if we are counting on our own goodness. We cannot measure up to His standard, but He can touch us and make us clean. Then we have nothing to fear. We do not need to be afraid in His presence.

Nevertheless, another kind of fear takes over—the fear of the Lord which is a deep reverence, a sense of awe and respect. This has nothing to do with being afraid or frightened. It is the awareness of how great He is and how unworthy we are. This is what is meant in Isaiah 8:13: “Remember that I, the Lord Almighty, am holy; I am the one you must fear.”

God also said in Malachi 3:6, “I am the Lord, and I do not change.” He is a God of power and a God of holiness, and we can have confidence that He will never change.

Let us be thankful, then, because we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Let us be grateful and worship God in a way that will please him, with reverence and fear; because our God is indeed a destroying fire (Hebrews 12:28-29).



For You To Do

- 5 Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.
- a If I try hard enough, I can be as clean and holy as God wants me to be.
 - b Isaiah felt sinful when he realized God’s holiness.
 - c A divine touch took Isaiah’s guilt away.
 - d The Lord can make us clean, too.

6 Complete this sentence from Malachi 3:6. “I am the Lord, and

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.....”

- 7 Choose the correct completion to the sentence. The fear of the Lord is a deep reverence, a sense of awe, that
- a) makes us afraid to pray.
 - b) reminds us of all our failures.
 - c) invites us to prayer and worship.

Check your answers.

HIS FATHERLY LOVE

Objective 3. *Identify, from Scripture, examples of how God shows His love to mankind.*

The Israelites who lived during the time of the kings and prophets had learned the first part of this lesson well. They knew about God's great power and His holiness. They had seen the pillar of fire at night; they had trembled as thunder and lightning shook Mount Sinai. They depended on their High Priest to go into the Holiest Place of their tabernacle or temple to talk with God in their stead. They were afraid to approach Him.



But God doesn't want to be thought of as someone far away who cannot be approached. He loves humanity so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to the world to reconcile the world to Himself. Sin had made a difference and it was as if a wall had come between mankind and God. Sin had to be atoned for and fellowship and communion between God and mankind restored.

Jesus Christ did this through His death on the cross. Hebrews 10:19-22 says:

We have, then, my brothers, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way ... So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith.

What do you think of when you hear the words, "God, the Father?" Do you think of a harsh judge, a cruel leader, or a dictator? Do the words make you feel nervous or afraid?

Some people experience this feeling because of an unhappy childhood or the memory of a cruel parent. God who sees us and all our thoughts has been careful to let us know that His love for us is greater than that of an earthly father or mother—even greater than that of the best parent on earth. King David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, "My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me" (Psalm 27:10). Although David had grown up in a secure home, he knew that human love could fail. But God's love will never fail.

In Psalm 103:13 we read, "As kind as a father is to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who honor him." We can think of the kindest of earthly parents, and think of God as being like them, only much more so.

The trusting son goes to his warm and loving father when he feels fearful and needs reassurance. He goes to his father when he needs help, when he is hungry, when he is lonely, when he is in trouble. And he goes to his father when he wants to talk and share the happenings of the day. Or maybe he doesn't want to talk—he just wants to be near his father, to be right there listening if his father has something to say to him.

God wants us to experience this parent-child relationship. He wants us to feel secure in coming to Him. The apostle Paul knew this and wrote as follows:

For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God’s children, and by the Spirit’s power we cry out to God, “Father! my Father!” (Romans 8:15).

When Paul was writing these words, he used the Aramaic word *Abba* for Father. It was the name commonly used by children when speaking to their earthly fathers. Its English comparison would be “Daddy.”

What does this tell us about worship? God loves us so much that He wants the closest possible relationship with us. Surely He is worthy of all the praise and adoration we can give Him. When we fail to worship the Lord, we hurt ourselves. More than that, we hurt our loving Heavenly Father.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves a few questions. *Do I treat the Lord as if He were a complete stranger? Do I ignore Him and go my own way? Or do I start each day in fellowship with Him and praise to Him?*

If you couldn’t answer as you would like to, you can bow your head right now and ask Him for His forgiveness. He is waiting for you.

As you enter into joyful worship and communion with God, you will sense His nearness. And the more you worship, the easier it becomes to worship, for it becomes a way of life—a richer, fuller life.



For You To Do

8 Read Luke 13:34. How do you think Jesus felt when He said these words?

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9 After each of the following references write how God shows His love toward us. The first one is done for you.

a John 3:16 *He gave His Son for us*

b Isaiah 41:10

c Hebrews 12:5-6

d Psalm 40:3

10 Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.

a God wants us to be afraid so we will be obedient.

b Our Heavenly Father is kinder than any earthly father could be.

c *Abba* is what a child who spoke Aramaic would call his or her father.

d Sincere worship is a joyful experience.



Check Your Answers

1 Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

6 I do not change.

2 c) display his own glory.

7 c) invites us to prayer and worship.

- 3** b) can humble anyone who acts proudly.
- 8** In your own words: perhaps sadness, love, or a deep longing.
- 4** c) gave honor and praise to God.
- 9** **b** Strengthens, helps, protects.
c Corrects.
d Gives a new song.
- 5** Statements **b**, **c**, and **d** are True.
- 10** Statements **b**, **c**, and **d** are True.

Lesson
3

Worship in Prayer

In Lesson 1 we learned that worship is fellowship and communion with the Lord. This is why God made us. He wanted to share His love with people who could love Him in return. What beautiful evenings those were when God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden!

When mankind sinned they shut the door to that close relationship, but the great heart of God still reached out to His creation. Deuteronomy 33:3 says, “The Lord loves His people.” His ears are still open to hear them when they call. And we can still have communion with Him through the avenue of prayer.

Prayer is not difficult. Don’t we want to talk with someone who loves us and whom we love in return? As with earthly conversations, the more we talk the easier it becomes to talk.

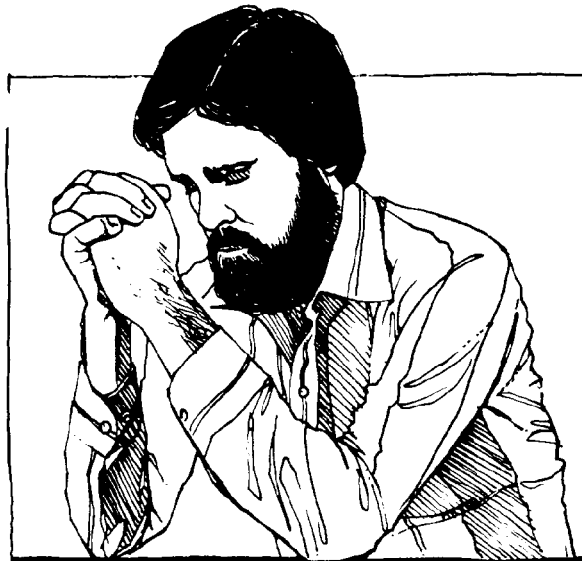
The more we pray, the easier it becomes to pray, to express our love in words and in worship.

In this lesson you will study. . .

Worshiping With Our Words

Worshiping With the Spirit’s Words

Worshiping Without Words



This lesson will help you. . .

- Describe how worship in prayer differs from other types of prayer.
- Identify Old Testament and New Testament patterns of adoration and praise.
- Explain how the biblical pattern of worship in prayer can be applied today.

WORSHIPING WITH OUR WORDS

Objective 1. *Identify examples of different kinds of prayer.*

When you pray, do you sometimes say, “Dear God, please help me with this problem”? This prayer is pleasing to the Lord because He loves to help us in our need—it is called the *prayer of petition*. You know what it is to thank the Lord for your food and the many other blessings He has showered upon you. This is also an important way to pray, one that could be called the *prayer of thanksgiving*.

Perhaps you have prayed for others, for people or nations in need. This is the prayer of intercession. God has asked His children to spend special time in intercessory prayer. But there is one type of prayer which does not depend on circumstances surrounding us. It depends only upon God and who He is. This is the *prayer of worship*.

When we worship in prayer, we take our eyes off ourselves and our need and even off the answers we have already received. We concentrate only on God, on His unchanging and eternal qualities—His power, faithfulness, love, and all the other attributes that are part of His character. Our attitude is not so much one of being open to receive, but one of being ready to give. We offer ourselves.

Many of the Psalms written by David are prayers of worship. When he was worshiping he praised God for who He is. “The Lord is King . . . The Lord is mighty. . . Holy is He!” (Psalm 99:1-3).

It is good to start our times of prayer with worship. This is what our Lord Jesus did when He taught His disciples to pray. Before bringing petitions to His Father, Jesus first honored Him in praise. He said, “Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored; may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-10).



For You To Do

- 1 Complete the following statements by referring to Matthew 6:9-10.
 - a God is our
 - b His name is
 - c He has a and
His authority extends over
and

Three things happen when we worship God. First, we take our privileged place as His children. Second, we put our enemy, the devil, in his place. We are declaring that he has no authority over us because we belong to God’s kingdom. God has promised to protect and keep us. Then, most important of all, we please the Lord. Proverbs 15:8 says, “The Lord is pleased when good men pray.” He delights in our prayers.

Take a few moments now to think about the Lord. If other thoughts keep pushing in, ask the Holy Spirit to help you in worship. He will make the things of God real to your heart and mind.

Never forget that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock. The Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever (Psalm 100:3, 5).



For You To Do

- 2 Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.
- a There are several kinds of prayer, all meaningful and beneficial.
 - b Worship is only a ritual which comes at a certain part of the service.
 - c Jesus taught His disciples to worship.
 - d The main purpose of worship is to get answers we really want.
- 3 Choose the correct completions to this sentence. If you cannot think of words to say when worshiping, you could
- a) just forget it; God understands your limitations.
 - b) have your pastor write out words for you to memorize.
 - c) find Psalms or other Bible passages of worship and read them to the Lord.
 - d) ask the Holy Spirit to help you in your worship.
- 4 Draw a circle around the letter in front of each correct sentence completion. Worship differs from other forms of prayer in that it
- a) does not mention our problems or needs.
 - b) must be a prayer for others.
 - c) depends on our circumstances.
 - d) only glorifies God for who He is.
- 5 Read the prayers on the left and write in front of each the type of prayer it represents.

PRAYERS

TYPES OF PRAYER

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| ... a "Please heal my headache." | P - Petition |
| ... b "Help those living in atheistic countries." | T - Thanksgiving |
| ... c "Thank You for friends." | I - Intercession |
| ... d "We praise You for You are merciful." | W - Worship |
| ... e "Save my family before it's too late." | |
| ... f "Hallelujah!" | |
| ... g "Thank You for protection as we traveled." | |
| ... h "Bless this food." | |

Check your answers.

WORSHIPING WITH THE SPIRIT'S WORDS

Objective 2. *List at least three ways in which worshiping in the Spirit helps the believer.*

Before our Lord ascended into heaven He gave specific instructions to His disciples:

“Wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:4-5).

Ten days later they were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The sign of their baptism was that they all began to worship in languages they had never learned. There were people standing around who saw and heard what was taking place. Of course they asked questions about it. Then Peter answered,

Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit. For God’s promise was made to you and to your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself (Acts 2:38-39).

After that, many more people were filled with the Holy Spirit—about three thousand in that one day! Because the promise was made to “all whom the Lord our God calls to himself,” believers are still being filled with the beautiful Holy Spirit. No one needs to be left out.



Have you ever wondered why anyone would want this experience? If you have already received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, then you already know some of the answers, but in this lesson we will mention a few of the benefits that are ours when we worship in an unknown language—in the Spirit’s words.

A friend who speaks three languages told me what happened to him when he “spoke in tongues” or in the language of the Spirit.

“I was so full of love for God,” he said, “that I worshiped Him with all the loving words that I know in Spanish. Then I used all the words that I knew in English, and then in German. But these were not enough. Suddenly I began to speak in a strange language and I knew I was still telling God how much I loved Him even though I did not understand the words. It was wonderful to know that finally the words were adequate because they were in a heavenly language. I had never before felt joy like the joy that comes with being able to worship God in tongues.”

We cannot over-emphasize the beauty and blessing of worshiping the Lord in the Spirit. During the writing of this course He made this truth very real to me. I faced a particularly hard trial, but when the pressure seemed too much I found strength by worshiping in my prayer language. The long sleepless hours at night became filled with the Spirit’s words as were spare moments during the day. Often the words flowed easily, but other times I worshiped because I decided to and not because I felt like doing so.

One day I cried to the Lord, “Why should I have to face this trial now? Why me, Lord?” Immediately I seemed to hear His very gentle words: “You are writing about the benefits of worship. I want you to personally know and feel that what you write is true.”

Let me assure you from God’s Word and from personal experience of the great blessing found in worshiping with the Spirit’s words. As I continued to worship my tension and self-pity left, the pain left my heart, and my smile became genuine.

It is the Holy Spirit who brings us the presence of God the Father (Ephesians 2:18). The Holy Spirit helps us pray with results (Romans 8:26). He brings us liberty from fear and gives us power, love, and self-control (1 Timothy 2:7). He reminds us of the hope we have of sharing God’s glory.

“This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God’s gift to us” (Romans 5:5).

Worshiping in the Spirit lifts us beyond life’s temporary problems. We find release as we concentrate on the Eternal God who has all things under control. How beautiful to glorify Him as He truly deserves. When we worship in tongues we magnify God and praise His goodness (Acts 10:46).

If you have not received the marvelous experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you can ask the Lord for it right now. He has promised it to every believer.



For You To Do

- 6 Which of the following completions are correct? Worshiping with the Spirit’s words means
 - a) using the gift of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - b) praying in an unknown tongue.
 - c) magnifying God as He truly deserves.
- 7 List three of the many benefits a believer receives when he or she worships in the Spirit.

WORSHIPING WITHOUT WORDS

Objective 3. *Describe two purposes of silent prayer.*

Without words? How can we worship the Lord in prayer and not say anything? It is not only possible, but also necessary to pray sometimes without speaking aloud.

Two things can happen when we pray silently. One is that we can bring our innermost thoughts to the Lord. No one else needs to know them.

Lord, you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts. Even before I speak, you already know what I will say (Psalm 139: 1, 2, 4).

The second thing that happens when we are silent is equally important. During this time we are able to “wait on Him.”

To “wait on the Lord” means to keep still outwardly and inwardly while waiting for Him to speak to us. The Holy Spirit can bring thoughts to our minds that will help us, or bring verses to our remembrance to guide us. Here is where the fellowship and communion of worship take on their full meaning.



Fellowship is never a one-way activity. There is no real conversation taking place if only one person is speaking. Two people must speak if they are to share together. And God wants to talk with us. He said, “Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about” (Jeremiah 33:3).

The Lord wants to give us understanding about ourselves and our circumstances. When we allow Him time to share His secrets with us, we in turn know better how to work and how to pray.

God is wise and powerful! Praise him forever and ever. . . it is he who gives wisdom and understanding. He reveals things that are deep and secret; he knows what is hidden in darkness, and he himself is surrounded by light (Daniel 2:20-22).

Perhaps in your quiet moments you have already “waited on the Lord” and you want to learn how to do it more. Find a place alone, free from interruptions, and ask the Lord to fill your mind with thoughts of Him. Ask Him to help you block out your own thoughts and to refuse whatever Satan might try to push in on you.

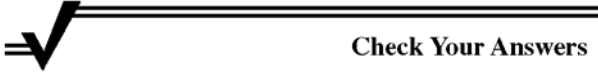
Then, just worship Him silently. Be patient and wait for Him to speak to you. When He does speak it will always be in accordance with His written Word, so listen with a Bible in your hand.

God says, “I will save those who love me and will protect those who know me as Lord. When they call to me, I will answer them” (Psalm 91:14-15).



For You To Do

- 8 What are two important reasons for praying silently?
- 9 Which of the following statements are TRUE?
 - a God hears only the spoken word.
 - b Silent worship helps us listen to God.
 - c We worship without words only if we are alone.
 - d God would never say anything contrary to His Word, the Bible.
- 10 Circle the letter in front of each correct completion of the sentence. When we “wait on the Lord” we may be
 - a) sharing secrets with our Heavenly Father.
 - b) waiting for an answer or for divine guidance.
 - c) just keeping still so our minds can wander.
 - d) quietly or silently worshipping.



Check Your Answers

- 1 a** Father.
b holy.
c kingdom, heaven, earth.
- 6** All of the completions are correct.
- 2** Statements **a** and **c** are True.
- 7** Your answers. You could include close communion with God, enjoying His presence, being filled with love, joy, peace, and power, and knowing you are praising Him as He is worthy of being praised.
- 3 c)** find Psalms or other Bible passages of worship and read them to the Lord.
d) ask the Holy Spirit to help you in your worship.
- 8** To bring our innermost thoughts to God and to “wait on Him” to speak to us.
- 4 a)** does not mention our problems or needs.
d) only glorifies God for who He is.
- 9** Statements **b** and **d** are True.
- 5 a** Petition.
b Intercession.
c Thanksgiving.
d Worship.
e Intercession.
f Worship.
g Thanksgiving.
h Petition.
- 10 a)** sharing secrets with our Heavenly Father.
b) waiting for an answer or for divine guidance.
d) quietly or silently worshiping.

Lesson
4

Worship in Service

My grandmother had gone to a woman's house and witnessed to her about Jesus. The woman shouted at Grandma, "Don't you ever come back to my house! I never want to hear about Jesus again!"

When my grandmother told me about it, I said, "That woman was very rude to you, Grandma. But you have done your part in witnessing and there is nothing more that you need to do."

"I already did more," she replied. "I baked an apple pie and took it to her."

I learned an important lesson from those words. Often I had seen my grandmother worship the Lord in prayer, her hands lifted as she sang, "We'll give all the glory to Jesus, and tell of His wonderful love." But that day I realized how she did more than witness or worship in words and song. She worshiped the Lord in her actions.

If we say that we love Jesus, our deeds must also show that love.

In this lesson you will study . . .

Total Service

Attitudes in Service



This lesson will help you . . .

- Compare the servant qualities in the life of Christ with those present in your own life.
- Describe the attitudes which are necessary to make service an act of worship.
- Appreciate the importance of worshiping God through service.

TOTAL SERVICE

Objective 1. *Describe ways we can worship the Lord through serving others.*

“When do you NOT work for the Lord?” a young man asked. “Surely you have some free days once in a while.”

The man thought Christianity is something you do, but being a believer is not an eight-hour-a-day job; it is a new life. Our service to God is as much a part of our lives as breathing is to being alive. We don’t want to serve Him with just part of our talents or time, or only when we feel like it, but always—with all our heart, mind, and body. Total service is being able to say, “Here I am, Lord. Use me anytime, anywhere, and under any circumstance.” Remember that Romans 12:1 says we are offering true worship when we are dedicated to His service.

The greatest example of total commitment is Jesus Christ Himself. He had to eat, sleep, exercise, and rest just like any of us. But His heart and mind were constantly ready to do the work of His Father (John 15:10). He was always serving others.

He served by helping people spiritually. He taught them, prayed for them, and even wept for them. He cared for their physical needs as well. Never did He turn away the sick and afflicted.

One day He raised the dead son of a poor widow from Nain who had no one else who could provide for her. He even prepared fish over the fire for the weary and hungry disciples who had worked hard at fishing from their boats the whole night through.

He served the lonely and rejected folk just by being with them. He accepted dinner invitations to be with men and women who were not loved by their community. He befriended sinners. Jesus, the Son of God, served His own creation—mankind.

Should we try to do less? No, we must make it our goal to be like Jesus. Perhaps the Lord has not given you the ministry of service through teaching or preaching, but you do have the ability to be a compassionate, loving Christian. People need to know that someone cares, and your caring may help another person to realize that God cares.

Worship through service means offering ourselves, all that we are and all that we have. It means giving of our time and our abilities. We can say a kind word, give a friendly smile, or visit those who are in the hospital. The Lord wants us to be willing to share with others who are in want. Whether we are rich or whether we are poor, in need or not in need, we must be ready to give and to share as the Lord leads.

The Bible doesn’t say, “Do witnessing.” It says, “Be witnesses” (Acts 1:8). If you want to be a witness in every action and deed, bow your head as you read this prayer to the Lord.

“Dear Father, my desire is to worship You, not only in words but in everything I do. Before I react to any situation or make any decision, I pray that Your precious Holy Spirit will tell me what would be pleasing to You. Then, Lord, help me to carry out your directions.

Let your love shine through me in such a way that others will want to be like Jesus too. Amen.”



For You To Do

1 Read the verses in the left column. In front of each reference listed, write the number of the type of service it matches.

REFERENCE	TYPE OF SERVICE
.... a Matthew 8:1-3	1) Feeding the hungry
.... b Matthew 8:23-26	2) Protecting and removing fear
.... c Luke 19:1-6	3) Healing the sick
.... d John 6:1-13	4) Providing physical comfort
.... e John 13:1-15	5) Accepting those who feel rejected

2 Read James 2:14-17, then complete the following sentence. Faith alone is not enough, but must be proven by our

3 Read the following imaginary situations. Write below each a short description of the action you would take in order to show worship in service.

- a Your pastor explains to the congregation the urgent need for a new church building.
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- b Your neighbor is very ill and there is no one to care for the family.
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Check your answers.

ATTITUDES IN SERVICE

Objective 2. Name three attitudes every believer should have when worshipping the Lord through service.

When the prophet Samuel wanted to anoint a handsome young man as king of Israel, the Lord stopped him with these words: "I do not judge as man judges. Man looks at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Our outward appearance includes our actions as well as our physical features. Sometimes our actions are not what we mean them to be. We may be given a job to do and it doesn't turn out as well as we had hoped. But we can find comfort in knowing that God sees our hearts and knows what we really wanted to do for Him.

He also sees if we try to do Christian acts without having true interest in what we are doing. The finest actions do not count as worship if our attitudes are not right. The Bible gives us helpful guidelines for proper thoughts and motives, some of which we will look into now.

We are going to talk first about serving the Lord cheerfully and gladly, and not just because we think we ought to. Our giving and sharing can be happy experiences. The Bible says that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Giving in the name of the Lord is the Christian's privilege.

Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

We can see that God gives abundantly. Flowers and sunsets could be called gifts from God. The Bible says that He gives generously for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17). As we give cheerfully, it becomes easier for us to also give generously, even as Romans 12:8 tells us, “Whoever shares with others should do it generously.” We don’t give just enough to ease a troubled conscience, but we give as we feel that the Lord would have us to give.

Giving as unto the Lord:

CHEERFULLY
GENEROUSLY humbly

We may give cheerfully and generously, but the Bible touches on one other area of giving. We will introduce it in story form. Let’s imagine you received some extra money and the Lord impressed you to give part of it to a small mission on the edge of town. This you did gladly and generously. Later you heard some of its members rejoicing in how God had provided for their needs, but your name was not mentioned. It sounded as if the money had dropped out of the sky instead of from your hand. How would you feel?

Probably the natural reaction would be to feel a bit resentful. We like to receive credit for what we have done. To want to be appreciated isn’t all bad. But Jesus told us how to give that we would receive an even greater reward.

When you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it. Then it will be a private matter. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you (Matthew 6:3-4).

The Lord was speaking here of humility, of giving that is free from pride, free from the desire of people’s praise. Giving as unto the Lord is the kind of giving that He rewards.

Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you (Luke 6:38).

Some of our reward may come here on earth. But our greatest reward will be given to us when we stand before the Lord on the day He thanks us for all we have done for Him. He gave us a glimpse of that day in Matthew 25:34-40.

Then the King will say to the people on his right, ‘Come you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me!’ The righteous will then answer him, ‘When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!’ (Matthew 25:34-40).



Isn't that a beautiful passage of Scripture? Even if you do something for someone who is ungrateful, who wouldn't repay you with a word of thanks, it doesn't matter. The Lord who sees everything remembers and counts your kindness as being done for Him. In view of our eternal rewards, giving cheerfully, generously, and humbly comes easier—and the Lord will help us if it seems a bit hard sometimes. He will give us the grace and strength that we need.



For You To Do

- 4 Read Matthew 5:34-48. Who is our example of cheerful and generous giving?
- 5 According to Revelation 22:12, the Lord isand will bring rewards to give each one according to
- 6 Read Luke 14:12-14.
 - a What kind of people did Jesus tell His host to invite for dinner?
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 - b Who will repay him for what he does?
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- 7 What are the three basic attitudes we should have as we worship the Lord through service?
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Now that you have completed the first unit, you are ready to answer the questions in your student report for *UNIT ONE*. Review the previous lessons, then follow the instructions in your student report. Send your answer sheet to the address given on the copyright page of your study guide.



Check Your Answers

- 1 a** 3) Healing the sick.
b 2) Protecting and removing fear.
c 5) Accepting those who feel rejected.
d 1) Feeding the hungry.
e 4) Providing physical comfort.
- 5** coming soon,
what he or she has done.
- 2** works (or actions).
- 6 a** Poor, crippled, lame, blind.
b God.
- 3 a** Your answer. You could give money above your tithes, donate building materials, or give free labor on the new building.
b Your answer. You could take care of the children, provide food, find someone who could help, or take up a collection for them. Remember that kind deeds done in the name of the Lord are a form of worship.
- 7** Cheerfulness, generosity, and humility.
- 4** Our Father in heaven.

Lesson

5

Worship in Music

Where did music begin? No one race or group of people can lay claim to the origin of music, for all people have it in one form or another. Even the most primitive cultures have drums or musical instruments to help them express their happiness or their sorrow in songs and chants.

The Bible gives the earliest record of music. Job 38:7 tells us that when the world was being formed the “stars sang together and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.” Music began in heaven before the creation of the earth as we know it.

Music is important, for it can influence the way we feel, work on our emotions, and even change the way we act. If used wrongly, music can be a strong force for evil. Used in the right way music can bring peace and harmony; it can draw us closer to God. The highest purpose of music is to worship and glorify the Lord.

The Bible gives examples of worship through both instrumental and vocal music. These are given to help us in our ministry of thanksgiving and praise to God.

In this lesson you will study . . .

Ministering With Song

Ministering With Instruments

Being Blessed Through Music



This lesson will help you...

- Identify which forms of music are biblical expressions of worship.
- Identify reasons why some songs minister to God, some to people, some to no one.
- Desire the power, transformation, and freedom that worshipful music brings the believer.

MINISTERING WITH SONG

Objective 1. *Give examples of songs of worship.*

Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father (Colossians 3:16-17).

The Bible commands us to sing. Ephesians 5:19 agrees almost word-for-word with the passage quoted above from Colossians. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that songs and singing are mentioned hundreds of times in Scripture. God wants us to praise Him in song because He is worthy of our praise and also for what it will do for us spiritually.

Some of our Christian songs are taken from the Psalms, literally Scripture set to music. The idea isn't new with this generation, for the Book of Psalms was the hymnbook of the Jewish nation. They had special psalms for feast days (like Psalm 81), psalms asking for forgiveness (like Psalm 51), and many other kinds of psalms. The greater number, however, were songs of praise and thanksgiving.

The New Testament encourages us to sing these psalms and other hymns and sacred songs as well. The Christian songs of today are as varied as the old psalms—songs for special occasions such as funerals and weddings, songs of prayer and supplication, songs of praise and worship.

Each type of song serves a purpose. A song that says, "Just as I am, I come," encourages sinners to come to the Lord just as they are, so it is often used for altar calls. A song that says, "Search me, O God," helps believers open themselves to the searching of the Holy Spirit when they want to give every area of their lives to the Lord.

Many worship songs begin with another theme such as consecration. We tell the Lord that we will obey Him no matter what it costs. Then the songs remind us of why we are willing to obey Him—because He is worthy. Afterwards, maybe without even realizing it, we become caught up in spontaneous worship as we sing to the Lord. We "lose ourselves" in praise.

Too often Christians have missed this avenue of praise because they felt that their voices lacked quality. But songs of worship aren't just for special occasions or for recordings for other people to listen to at home. They are songs of praise between us and God—our love songs to Him. Although other people may hear them and enjoy them, their appreciation is only secondary. We sing first to and for the Lord.

How do we know a song of worship when we hear it? The song of worship doesn't talk about us or our own needs nor does it invite the sinner to come to Christ. It extols God, magnifies Jesus, talks of the greatness and goodness of the Lord. It's the kind of song that takes us out of our surroundings and into the heavenly places with Christ. It may be only a simple chorus, one we sing from memory, but it glorifies the Father.

O Lord, I will always sing of your constant love; I will proclaim your faithfulness forever. I know that your love will last for all time, that your faithfulness is as permanent as the sky (Psalm 89:1-2).



For You To Do

- 1 Which of the following completions is correct? A worship song differs from other types of songs because a worship song
- a) is always quiet and solemn.
 - b) reminds us of our faults.
 - c) glorifies only God.
 - d) invites sinners to Christ.

- 2 Chose the correct completion of the sentence. The Psalms are Jewish songs
- of praise.
 - that cover various themes.
 - too old to have meaning.
- 3 Circle the letter in front of each of the opening lines of song which sound as if they belong to songs of worship.
- “I will go where you want me to go.”
 - “This world is not my home.”
 - “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”
 - “I love Thee, my Savior.”

Check your answers.

MINISTERING WITH INSTRUMENTS

Objective 2. *State principles relating to the use of instruments in worship.*

Worshiping the Lord with musical instruments is mentioned often in the Old Testament. Many different kinds of instruments were used—wind instruments such as the trumpet and flute, stringed instruments like the harp and lyre, and percussion instruments like the drum and cymbal. Old Testament worshipers used whatever musical instruments they had to praise the Lord.

Following their example, we can praise the Lord with anything that we have. There are no “right” or “wrong” instruments to use when we want to honor and glorify God. One person may play an electric organ or conduct an orchestra. Another beats on a hollow log or shakes a tambourine. But all play to God’s glory.

Are there guidelines for us to follow? As we studied in the last lesson, attitude is most important. If I am to play an instrument, I want to do my best because God deserves my best—but that doesn’t mean I must wait until I am a master. I will do the best that I can do here and now.

At the same time I want to be careful that I do not use music as an opportunity to “show off” my talent. Pride is sin. I must remember that whatever ability I have came from God and when I minister I must do it in love. Otherwise my music is worth no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell (1 Corinthians 13:1).

Music comes in many varieties. Some music is loud and lively, and some soft and quiet. Each has its proper place in Christian worship. However, I must be careful to consider the tastes of others. I would not play loud music where I know the people would be offended. The principle of showing respect for one another (Romans 12:10) applies in music as well as in other areas of our lives.

If God has blessed you with musical ability, ask Him to help you use it for the spreading of the gospel and to encourage others in heartfelt worship. As you pray He can direct you to the right songs or choruses to be played. These should be carefully practiced and thought out before the presentation. The Lord will anoint your music and give inspiration and a sense of direction to every choice involved.

You can also use your instrument in your times of private devotion. You will find joy in offering music to God, making up your own music and words or repeating favorite pieces that bring to your mind the beauty and majesty of our God. Music is one of God’s greatest gifts to mankind. It can also be offered as one of our greatest gifts to God.



For You To Do

4 Read the Scripture references on the left. In front of each reference write the number of the worship with music it matches.

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|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a | Exodus 15:19-20 | 1) at the rebuilding of the temple. |
| b | 1 Chronicles 15:28 | 2) when the covenant box was moved. |
| c | Ezra 3:10 | 3) because of victory over the enemy. |
| d | Revelation 14:2 | 4) in heaven. |

5 Complete the sentence. If music is one of God's gifts to mankind, then we have a right to

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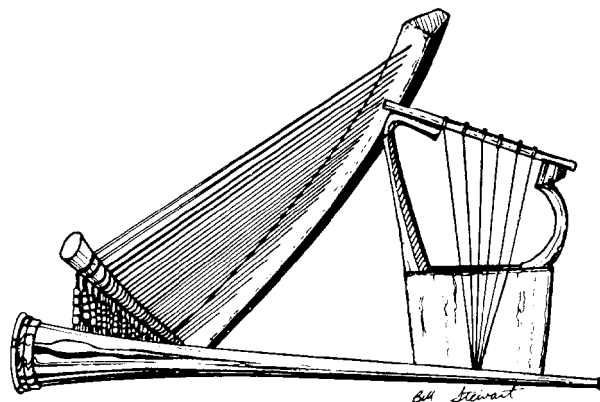
- 6 Which of the following principles or guidelines concerning music in worship are TRUE?
- a We should only use musical instruments named in the Bible.
 - b We can play any instrument if we play it to the glory of God.
 - c Even in music we should show respect for other people and their feelings.
 - d Musical instruments may be played in private devotion.

BEING BLESSED THROUGH MUSIC

Objective 3. *List at least three blessings of worshipful music.*

Second Chronicles 20 gives an unusual account of a battle that was won by worshipping the Lord in music and song. It happened after three ungodly nations had formed an alliance so their combined armies could march against the little kingdom of Judah. With their overwhelming numbers, the outcome of the war seemed certain.

When God's people heard about it, they cried out to Him for help. Instead of guiding them in military strategy, however, God told them to send musicians who would march before their army singing, "Praise the Lord! His love is eternal!" As they began to sing, the Lord threw the invaders into panic. They turned on each other, fighting and killing. God's people moved in afterwards only to gather the loot. Then they marched back to the city playing on harps and trumpets, giving glory to the Lord who gave them victory.



We may not be facing actual battle at this moment, but Ephesians 6 reminds us that our enemies today aren't flesh and blood—but the devil and his powers. Just as the physical enemy was conquered through song hundreds of years ago, the spiritual enemy can be put to flight today.

In view of all this, what can we say? If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death . . . No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! (Romans 8:31, 35, 37).

Paul and Silas, thrown into prison for the gospel's sake (Acts 16), rejoiced in the Lord. Though they had been severely beaten and their feet put in stocks, they prayed and sang praises to God. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake and their chains were loosed. God had set them free!

Then something else happened. The frightened jailer was about to kill himself when Paul stopped him by assuring him that they had not escaped.

"Sirs," he cried out, "what must I do to be saved?"

This was the opportunity Paul and Silas wanted. They told the man that salvation would come to him and to his house by believing on Jesus Christ. He and his family believed and were baptized at once. Paul and Silas could then rejoice in a double victory.

Even today people are being brought to Christ through music. A South American guerilla fighter found a place of repentance after entering a little church where he had heard singing. Others have been attracted to gospel meetings by music. In some instances the music itself was not so outstanding, but because it was dedicated to the Lord, the Holy Spirit used it to draw men and women to Himself.



You can relate to their experiences even though your experience may not be identical to theirs. Through a song the Lord helps you forget about your own problems and reach out to help others. Through a song you are assured that the Lord is close by, ready to help you take the next step. Through a song you have new hope and courage and realize how great and strong God really is. Second Chronicles 5:14 tells us of an occasion in the temple when the priests sang and the presence of the Lord came down so mightily that they could not continue the service. They just waited in awed silence before His majesty.

When you are feeling sad or lonely, sing a worship chorus. When you are fearful, sing to the Lord! You will be surprised how quickly He will fill your heart with joy. Perhaps you can ask someone to sing with you—a friend or maybe a whole congregation. Singing unites us in joy and love—and all of us know there is strength in unity.

At the same time we may be helping a timid person reach out to Jesus. He takes away our fears and He will take away their fears as well. We worship in spontaneous outbursts of song and we worship in special songs that we have prayed about and practiced carefully. In either or both ways we are lifted up and strengthened.

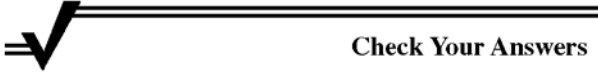
Even more important than the benefits we receive, however, is the privilege of ministering to the Lord Himself. We praise Him not only for what praise does for us—but because He is worthy of our praise. We can enter His gates with thanksgiving and go into His courts with praise because He is good and His love is eternal (Psalm 100).

God is worthy of this worship now and throughout all eternity. Let's joyfully bless the Lord! As we bless Him, He will bless us. I can just imagine the joy God feels as His creation blesses Him through song. In fact, He sings a song too! "The Lord will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you!" (Zephaniah 3:17). Hallelujah!



For You To Do

- 7 Which of the following people sang when they were in trouble?
 - a) The army of Judah
 - b) David
 - c) Silas
 - d) Many present-day believers
- 8 Which of the following statements are TRUE?
 - a Our worship in song may help others to worship the Lord too.
 - b People were brought to Christ through song in Bible times, but it won't happen today.
 - c God told the people of Judah not to praise Him until after they saw the victory.
 - d Our worship in music can be either songs we practiced or songs we sing spontaneously.
- 9 Complete this sentence. In Psalm 104:33 the psalmist said he would sing to the Lord
.....
- 10. List at least three blessings we can receive when we worship the Lord in song. We have given one as an example.
 - a Unity with other believers.....
 - b
 - c
 - d



Check Your Answers

- 1 c) glorifies only God.
- 6 Statements **b**, **c**, and **d** are True.
- 2 b) that cover various themes.
- 7 You should mark all the choices because they all sang when they were in trouble.
- 3 c) "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"
d) "I love Thee, my Savior."
- 8 Statements **a** and **d** are True.
- 4 **a** 3) because of victory over the enemy.
b 2) when the covenant box was moved.
c 1) at the rebuilding of the temple.
d 4) in heaven.
- 9 all his life.
- 5 offer it back to God.
- 10 Your answer. You may list fears driven away, receiving help and strength, being filled with joy, or people being drawn to Christ.

Lesson
6

Guidelines to Worship

Why does the rain fall down and not up? Why does the sun rise in the east and set in the west? Why do we breathe air and not water? These are not silly questions. Scientists have spent many years looking for the answers. They have found that our universe and everything in it is governed by laws that keep it in order. Without this order there would be no rainfall, no sunsets, no life. These are the “laws of nature.” As Christians we know that these are the “laws of God.” Our Creator established these laws to govern the universe.

Just as the universe would be in absolute chaos without God’s laws and government, our inner lives cannot be in order if His guidelines are not followed. These inner guidelines are called God’s moral government. They involve spiritual steps or conditions that must be fulfilled in order for us to please Him. For example, there can be no salvation of a soul if the person does not personally repent and accept Jesus Christ as his or her Savior.

God has also set guidelines in His Word for our worship. We have already studied some of these. Do you remember the three inner qualities a worshiper should have? We studied these in Lesson 1 and learned that they are humility, obedience, and love. We’ve also studied ways to express our worship—through prayer, service, and music. In this lesson we’ll study how we can prepare ourselves for effective Christian worship.



In this lesson you will study . . .

Inner Preparation

Outward Expression

This lesson will help you . . .

- Describe the preparation necessary to meet scriptural conditions for effective worship.
- Explain which outward expressions of worship are based on biblical principles.
- Evaluate your own worship in the light of biblical guidelines for true worship.

INNER PREPARATION

Objective 1. *Identify the inner conditions the Lord requires for worship.*

The right preparation for worship involves being clean, clear, and uncluttered in our inner lives. We will discuss these in that order although there will always be an overlapping of these conditions when they concern our thoughts and attitudes.

Being Clean

To be clean before God is to stand before Him without sin. Of course that is possible only as God Himself forgives and washes our sins away.

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin (Psalm 51:1-2).

A woman went to church with a bad headache. When the pastor suggested that she be prayed for, she answered, “No, I cannot be prayed for because I was unkind to my children today, scolding them needlessly.”

Her pastor gently reminded her that she could ask for God’s forgiveness, accept it, and stand righteous before Him. The woman did so and was instantly healed. Perhaps even greater than her physical healing was the understanding that she could be clean before God just for the asking.

Does that mean we can go our own way, doing whatever we please, since forgiveness comes just for the asking? Let 1 John 3:9 answer it. “Whoever is a child of God does not continue to sin, for God’s very nature is in him; and because God is his Father, he cannot continue to sin.”

John reminds us that a Christian cannot willfully sin without affecting his or her standing with God. When this happens, there must be prayerful repentance. But—more than that—when we love Jesus and realize the price He paid for our salvation, we want to keep clean and, as the Bible says, not be spotted with sin.



For You To Do

1 Circle the letter in front of the correct completion to the sentence. To be clean before God means that we have

- a) never sinned.
- b) tried very hard to be good.
- c) prayed and God has forgiven us.

Being Clear

After the Lord has cleansed us we want to keep clean, and that means to keep everything clear between us and God. An old hymn put it this way:

Nothing between my soul and the Savior,
So that His blessed face may be seen;
Nothing preventing the least of His favor,
Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.

The apostle Paul said that he was doing his best to reach what lay ahead. “So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God’s calling through Christ Jesus to live above” (Philippians 3:14).

In Acts 24:16 he said, “I do my best always to have a clear conscience before God and man.” But how can we always have a clear conscience? Some Christians have asked this and then been so afraid of displeasing the Lord that they lived in fear all the time. They have made the mistake of trying to search their own hearts. It’s like trying to clean house by the glimmer from a weak flashlight. It may not show up what really needs cleaning and at the same time may cast shadows on a spotless area. Psalm 139:23-24 tells us a better way.

Examine me, O God, and know my mind; test me, and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me and guide me in the everlasting way.



When we let the Lord examine our hearts, He will do it without condemning us. He understands our human weaknesses. Nevertheless, He is holy and righteous and He cannot tolerate sin. So we can be sure He will let us know if we have let anything come between Him and us. Furthermore, He will tell us what to do about it. That is why He has given His Word—to guide and instruct us, to lead us in a plain path.

Happy are those who wash their robes clean and so have the right to eat the fruit from the tree of life and to go through the gates into the city. But outside the city are the perverts and those who practice magic, the immoral and the murderers, those who worship idols and those who are liars both in words and deeds (Revelation 22:14).

Most of the sins mentioned are plainly seen, easily identified. Practicing magic and worshiping idols, however, can take on forms not so quickly recognized. It can even look like a party game, something to do just for fun. Deuteronomy 18:9-13 names practices that resemble some that we see in our day, such as reading cards or tea leaves, consulting spirits, or studying horoscopes. If you have books or anything that you used in this kind of practice in the past, you should burn them. Even if you never used them at all, you should get rid of them, as the devil will try to use them to ensnare you later on.

Many sins, like lying, are so obvious that even a little child knows what they are. But the enemy, the devil, tries to get the believer to trip over these as well. The temptation arises when only a shade of untruth would get us out of difficulty, or help us to earn money.

But we don’t need to let these things frighten us. God has given us His promises, and He said that He is able to keep us from falling, to bring us “faultless and joyful” into His presence (Jude 24).



For You To Do

2 Who is responsible for seeing that I have a clear conscience before God?

Being Uncluttered

We talked about being clean and having things clear between us and God. We’re using the word *uncluttered* to describe the little things that are not wrong if put in a proper place and time, but they can keep us from a close walk with the Lord.

As an example, a Christian lady used her ability to knit as a way to help others. She made warm sweaters for children, heavy winter socks for fishermen, and did mending that few other women knew how to do. Sometimes on stormy nights she read her Bible and then knitted by lamplight until late. Then she stopped going to church because she wanted to knit. The Holy Spirit, however, was faithful to let her see the danger signal before it was too late and once more she put God first in her life. She took time to go to church and still had time enough for knitting.

Many activities that are harmless in themselves could be allowed to steal our time and hinder our walk with God. There’s nothing wrong with going hunting, playing ball, sewing, reading, and a thousand other activities unless we allow them first place in our lives. Then they will clutter the background meant for wholehearted worship of God, who alone is worthy of first place in our lives.

So then, my brothers, because of God’s great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect (Romans 12:1-2).

Did you notice the last part of that passage? When we purpose (make up our minds) to worship the Lord with all that is in us, we will know what is good and pleasing to Him. He will help us make a difference between the harmful, the basically harmless, and that which is truly good. Our part is to discipline ourselves—to keep ourselves in tune with God. When we do that everything else will take its rightful place.

In conclusion, my brothers, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable (Philippians 4:8).



For You To Do

3 Complete the following sentences.

a We must always give the Lord place in our lives.

b To be able to worship the Lord as we ought we must keep our thoughts and attitudes

..... ,

and

- 4 Which of the following activities could keep us from worshipping the Lord wholeheartedly?
- a) Reading good books
 - b) Writing letters
 - c) Playing games
 - d) Working
 - e) Traveling
 - f) Fishing
- 5 Why do you suppose Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 that we should think only good thoughts?
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OUTWARD EXPRESSION

Objective 2. *Identify characteristics of New Testament worship.*

We have talked about the background of true worship—a heart that is right before God—and this of course results in right actions. If we love God and love others we won't hurt them; we will do what we can to help them.

There are, however, things in the foreground, outward expressions of worship that may raise questions in our minds. Do we need to make sacrifices like the Jews did in Old Testament times? Should we bow before images of the apostles or other saints? Is it irreverent to clap our hands in church?

Some of what we do in worship may relate to our culture—and certainly culture in itself is not wrong. Within every society there are certain accepted customs for worship which have become a part of church and life. Unless these contradict scriptural principles, they are not wrong. Nor, of course, are they necessary as far as God is concerned. But they will affect our approach to worship.

We also react in ways that are part of our personality. Think about your friends. You may have one friend who would jump up and down with excitement if you gave him a valuable gift. Another friend would be just as happy if you gave him a gift, but he might only smile and say "Thank you!" Why would they react differently? Simply because they are different in their personalities.

Aside from these factors, the Bible has given guidelines for worship. The Old Testament worshippers were also given specific rules to follow, especially in the offering of sacrifices. We do not follow those rules today because the sacrifices were symbols or "pictures" of things to come. The killing of a lamb and the sprinkling of the blood looked forward to Christ. He is the Lamb of God who shed His blood on Calvary for the sins of the world. We don't go through the ritual now because we don't need to. Because we know what it meant, we look back to Calvary to accept the complete and perfect sacrifice already made for us.

The first covenant had rules for worship and a man-made place for worship as well . . . But Christ has already come as the High Priest of the good things that are already here . . . For this reason Christ is the one who arranges a new covenant, so that those who have been called by God may receive the eternal blessings that God has promised (Hebrews 9:1, 11, 15).

The New Testament emphasized the point that only God should be worshiped. John the beloved tells how he fell down to worship a heavenly being, but was stopped with these words, "Don't do it! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers, all those who hold to the truth that Jesus revealed. Worship God!" (Revelation 19:10).

When Jesus died on the cross He opened the way for us to have the same privileges as a priest. We can all go directly to God and worship Him.

He loves us, and by his death he has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen (Revelation 1:5-6).

We are free to worship God with all our hearts and that worship may be expressed in many ways. In earlier lessons we talked about prayer, music, singing, waiting, and worshiping by our actions. Are there yet other ways to express our love to the Lord? What about during our private devotions or when we are with other believers and praise wells up in our hearts?

The Holy Spirit helps us in our times of worship. When we are together as a group there will be occasions for singing and clapping our hands for joy. This is scriptural (Psalm 47:1). The Bible also tells us to lift up our hands.

“Come, praise the Lord, all his servants, all who serve in his Temple at night. Raise your hands in prayer in the Temple, and praise the Lord!” (Psalm 134:1-2).

The Bible says of David who danced as the ark of the covenant was being brought home to Jerusalem that he “danced with all his might to honor the Lord” (2 Samuel 6:14). No doubt his joy so overflowed that he just couldn’t keep still.

The Lord desires freedom in our worship and our sincere praise. The Holy Spirit wants to move through us to glorify the Father. He will also use our different personalities, for He sees and recognizes us as individuals.

We, too, must remember that not everyone is like us, that other people may respond to the Holy Spirit’s moving differently than we do. One person may not be as quick as another to express his or her feelings. The man who sits quietly may be listening to the Lord, his spirit lifted up to heavenly places with Christ. Someone questioned a woman whose feet often danced though she seldom moved out of her place. They learned that she came from a family of seven children—all born crippled. No wonder her praise took on the form of a dance! Those we have mentioned did not show the same outward expressions of worship, nevertheless each was involved in sincere, heartfelt worship.

Our praise will not be irreverent and will not cause offense if we follow the guideline given in Romans 12:10, “Love one another warmly as Christian brothers, and be eager to show respect for one another.” We will respect other people and their cultures, their personalities, and their walk with the Lord.



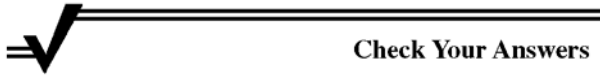
For You To Do

- 6 Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.
 - a The Old Testament sacrifices were symbols or “pictures” of things to come.
 - b Images and objects of worship help us keep our minds on the Lord.
 - c John the beloved was told not to bow down to a heavenly being, but to worship God.
 - d We can all go directly to God and worship Him.

- 7 Circle the letter in front of each correct completion to the sentence. In the Bible we read of people worshiping the Lord by
 - a) raising their hands.
 - b) dancing before Him.
 - c) screaming as loudly as possible.
 - d) waiting before Him.

8 Complete the statement. Our worship will not likely cause offense and turn people away if we our Christian brothers and show them

9 Have you discovered any new ways to worship the Lord in this lesson? List them.
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Check Your Answers

- 1 c) prayed and God has forgiven us
- 6 Statements **a**, **c**, and **d** are True.
- 2 I am.
- 7 a) raising their hands.
b) dancing before Him.
d) waiting before Him.
- 3 **a** first.
b clean, clear, uncluttered.
- 8 love, respect.
- 4 All of the activities could take first place and hinder our worship; they are good activities as long as they do not come between God and us.
- 9 Your answer.
- 5 Your answer. I would say that only good and clean thoughts keep our lives and minds prepared to enter into fellowship with God.

Lesson
7

Practicing Worship

The tour guide had just completed his talk, explaining to the visitors what the skilled factory workers were doing.

“Can you do what they are doing?” one of the visitors asked.

The guide smiled and shook his head, “I’ll have to be honest,” he said. “I know how it is done, but I have never done it.”

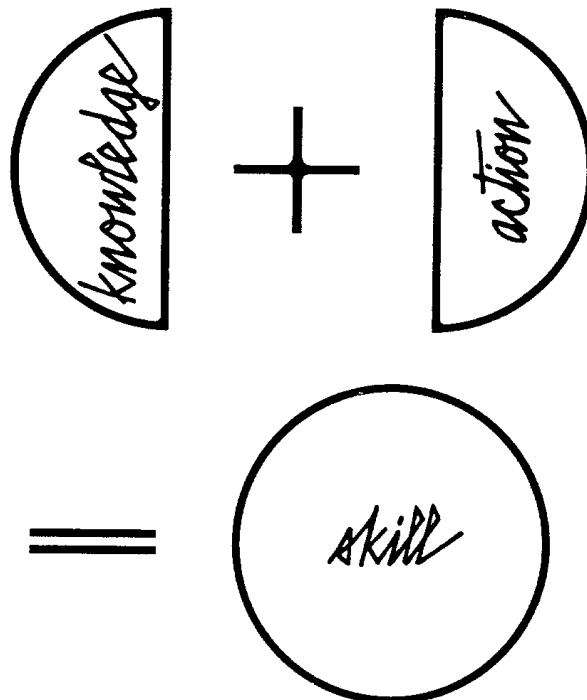
Knowing how to do something and doing it aren’t always the same. Skill comes through practice. No one can learn to play the guitar without also practicing on it. And no one can learn to worship without also worshipping.

The purpose of this lesson is not to tell you how you must worship, but to share what other believers have learned about worship. Some of these believers lived in Bible times; others are living today. As you put into practice what you are learning, you will in turn help others too.

In this lesson you will study . . .

Individual Worship

United Worship



This lesson will help you . . .

- Apply scriptural principles and practical concepts of worship to your private devotions.
- Apply scriptural principles and practical concepts of worship as a member of a group.

INDIVIDUAL WORSHIP

Objective 1. *Describe ways to improve your own devotional and worship time.*

When did the worshippers in the Bible seek God? Daniel prayed three times a day. David sought the Lord morning and evening. First Chronicles 16:11 says to “worship him continually.” Our worship is continuous when we are totally committed to Him. There should be, however, a special time each day when we can have close and personal communion with the Lord.

Many people face situations that make it difficult to find a time and place to be alone, but they make a way. A housewife gets up an hour before her family does so she can have her private devotions; a working man walks to a park during his lunch break so he can be alone. Whatever your circumstance, the Lord can help you set aside a time for fellowship with Him.

During this time you will want to worship. When worshipping you get to know the Lord in a more personal sense. A friend once gave me a schedule for my devotions. I followed it for a while, then changed it somewhat to fit my own needs. I want to share this same schedule with you and hope that it will furnish practical guidelines for organizing special time with the Lord. At the end of this section is a copy of the sheet my friend gave to me.

You will appreciate having your devotions in a place where you can worship out loud. You may want to include songs to the Lord. You may sing choruses that are familiar to you and sing in the Spirit as well. You may weep before the Lord during your devotions, or you may laugh with joy. You can clap your hands and lift your arms in praise and adoration. You can kneel, sit, stand, or walk. We cannot lay out a pattern for everyone to follow because the Holy Spirit, like the wind, does not move in only one direction. He knows each one of us, our past, present, and future. He knows exactly what we need.

You may find it helpful to keep a daily devotional notebook in which to jot down thoughts that come to your mind, things that you feel you should remember. Some people like to make notes of their Bible reading, underlining verses that seem to speak directly to them. If you write names of people and situations which the Lord brings to your mind, you will find it exciting to look back later and see how God has answered your prayers. Your notebook can be your own private “spiritual diary.”

I would like for you to put a marker in this book at the page with the “Quiet Time” schedule. Keep it with your Bible and use it as a daily guide during your quiet time for a week before you decide on changes. I know you will find this hour with the Lord becoming more valuable as the months go by. If you have experiences you would like to share with your ICI instructor, please feel free to do so. Worship is a part of our lives too, and we will rejoice with you.

QUIET TIME

“Quiet time” is time spent alone with the Lord. It is time used to establish a personal and intimate relationship with the living God. It is time to talk to Him and listen to Him talk to you. “Come near to God and He will come near to you” (James 4:8).

TIME SCHEDULE

PREPARATION (5 minutes)

- a) Ask yourself: Is my heart clean and my conscience clear? (Psalm 24:3-6; Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51)
- b) Obedience: Tell the Lord you are ready to obey whatever He tells you. (John 14:21)
- c) Recognize and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:26; Romans 8:26)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP (10 minutes)

Worship in your prayer language. Pray in the Spirit. Meditate on who God is. Praise Him for what He is like. If you have trouble knowing what to say, turn to one of the worship Psalms and read it aloud as your worship to God.

READ THE WORD (25 minutes)

Study a book of the Bible, reading two or three chapters every day. Read them a second time and underline key verses. Meditate on those verses and how you would apply them to your life. Write down your thoughts on them and pick one to memorize.

PRAYER (20 minutes)

GET READY TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD. Ask Him to control your thoughts, desires, and imagination (Isaiah 55:8). Rebuke the voice of the enemy, the devil, and tell him he is silenced (James 4:7). Tell the Holy Spirit that He has full control (Romans 8:26). Thank the Lord in faith for what you are to receive.

SPEND SOME TIME IN SILENCE. Write down the thoughts that come to your mind. Meditate on them, check them out in God's Word. Pray over them. Pray for people or situations that the Lord brings to your mind.

TAKE TIME FOR PERSONAL NEEDS AND SITUATIONS.

Present them to God.

THANKSGIVING. Finish your time of devotions with thanking your wonderful heavenly Father for His goodness and for the answers He sends your way.



For You To Do

- 1 Which of the following statements are TRUE?
 - a We should worship only in a holy place.
 - b We learn more about worship as we worship.
 - c The Lord desires fellowship with every believer.
 - d Silence and meditation are not important in Christian worship.
- 2 Read the following questions carefully. Write YES in front of each one that is true for you.
 - ... a I set aside regular time for personal devotions each day.
 - ... b I spend time during my devotions to just worship God.
 - ... c I sing and praise the Lord even when things go wrong.
 - ... d I read God's Word every day.
 - ... e I give the Lord an opportunity to speak to me.
 - ... f When I worship, I forget about myself and others and concentrate only on God.
 - ... g I pray in the Spirit every day.

Now go back and write "N" (Needs improvement) where you couldn't write YES. Ask the Lord to help you where you need improvement in your personal devotional time with Him.

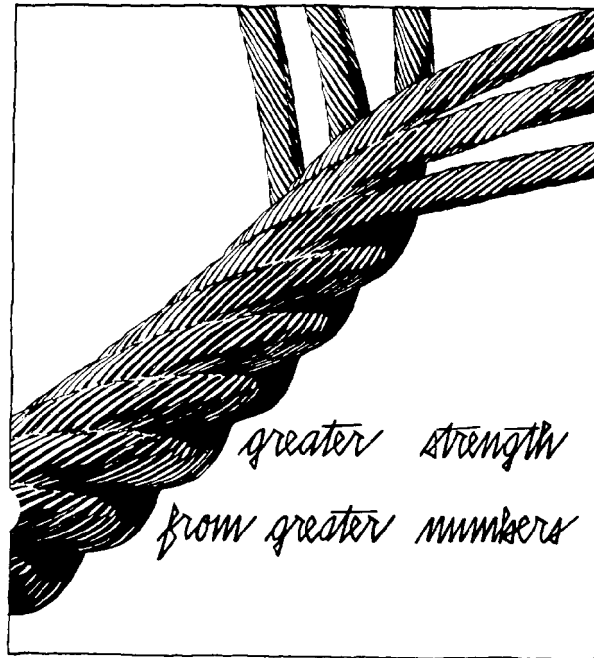
UNITED WORSHIP

Objective 2. *List three ways of worshiping the Lord when in a group.*

Two thousand years ago the apostle Paul was put in prison for preaching the gospel. Perhaps it was this experience that made him realize more than ever the importance of believers coming together to worship. "God has called you together in the one body" he said (Colossians 3:15).

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer (Hebrew 10:25).

It is just as important for believers today to get together as it was for the early Christians. One reason for united worship is that the presence of the Lord is with those who gather in His Name. Jesus said, "Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them" (Matthew 18:20).



There is strength in unity. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reads, "Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break." The strength of unity applies to spiritual things as well. On the day of Pentecost the believers were gathered together in one place when the Holy Spirit came (Acts 2:1). God honored their oneness of heart and purpose.

We live in a sinful world and we need each other. If I come to church discouraged and hear others praising God, it helps me to forget about my problems and praise God too. Someone else may tell what the Lord has done for him and it would be exactly what I need. The Lord uses other people to minister to me. Another day it will be my turn to minister to someone else. Little wonder that God's Word encourages us to get together for fellowship.

Each time we meet we should plan for a period spent only in worship. Our songs and Bible reading should be worshipful, thus getting our minds away from ourselves. Our earthly cares seem smaller when we realize how great God's love is toward us. His love is ready to provide for all our needs.

We cannot design a time of worship because the Holy Spirit leads in different ways at different times. We will, however, give a few suggestions.

Your meetings should not be *your* meetings. They should be open for others to share their experiences in the Lord, and to give Scriptures that have meant something special to them. Sometimes, in small groups, each person can pick a worship verse and read it aloud. The worship time should be a comfortable one where all can feel free to take part. Yet no one should feel forced or compelled to participate.

In one group I know, the believers take turns offering the Lord just one sentence of worship. Perhaps someone will say, "Lord, I praise You for Your faithfulness." Another might say, "I thank you for your love." This gives everyone an opportunity. The new converts and timid believers are especially encouraged to enter in. Time for individual prayers and bringing needs before the Lord can follow after worship.

After individual prayers, the group may move on to worshipping in another manner. The group leader should be seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit about when to change the order and what to do next.

Another beautiful form of worship is united prayer. Perhaps there will be a soft murmur around the room as all the voices are heard together. It is like a gentle river of love flowing out to God. Other times voices are raised and the sound is like a mighty fountain of praise rushing toward heaven. How beautiful this must sound to the Lord! The apostle John said that our prayers are like incense kept in golden bowls before the throne of God (Revelation 5:8).

During prayer in unison the Holy Spirit often moves on congregations to worship in their prayer language. Or, He may prompt them to sing in the Spirit. The blend of voices reminds us of the heavenly choirs that offer praise night and day.

In contrast, a holy quietness may sweep over us as we worship. Let's not be afraid of silence. During these times the Lord can speak to us through thoughts that He gives us. Sometimes the stillness will be broken as the Holy Spirit speaks through one of the believers with a prophecy or a message in tongues and interpretation (1 Corinthians 12:10). So, if a hush suddenly falls during a time of worship, don't disturb it. Remember that silence is important too.

Our worship as a body of believers should be orderly. Otherwise unbelievers may become confused and turn away. Our worship should not be cold and formal, for then they will not be drawn to our warm, loving Heavenly Father. But if our worship is Spirit-led, people will feel the gentle pull of the Holy Spirit. Unbelievers will get saved and believers will be filled with the Holy Spirit. In all this God is glorified.



For You To Do

- 3 Draw a circle around the letter in front of each correct sentence completion. Worshipping together in a group is important because
 - a) Jesus is there when we gather in His name.
 - b) it can lift our spirits when we are troubled or depressed.
 - c) it is the only way to worship.
- 4 Complete the following sentences.
 - a The Bible says we should not give up the habit of
 - b We need two kinds of prayer—individual prayer and prayer.
 - c People are drawn to the Lord if our worship is warm and
- 5 List three ways of worshipping the Lord in a group.
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Check Your Answers

- 1 Statements **b** and **c** are True.
- 4 **a** meeting together.
b united
c Spirit-led.
- 2 Your answers.
- 5 Your answers. You might put reading Scripture, praying individually, singing in the Spirit, uniting in praise, or other ways mentioned in this lesson.
- 3 **a)** Jesus is there when we gather in His name.
b) it can lift our spirits when we are troubled or depressed.

Lesson
8

Worship—Now and Forever

Stolen! The two horses the missionary ladies had counted on for transportation were gone. The ladies had been in a house praying with a woman for salvation. When they came out to where they had left the horses, the animals were not there.

Suddenly they saw several men coming toward them. One fumbled under his belt for a weapon. Others picked up stones. Then they began shouting angrily. The missionaries realized they would have to try to escape on foot.

Instead of trembling with fright they began to rejoice. “Praise the Lord,” one of them said, “We are counted worthy to suffer for the Lord!” (Acts 5:41). They walked courageously up the hill as the bullets whizzed harmlessly by. The men did not follow and the women escaped unharmed.

One of these missionaries was my mother who to this day testifies how worship acted as an invisible barrier between them and the attackers.

In this lesson you will study . . .

The Effects of Worship

The Extent of Worship



This lesson will help you . . .

- Desire the blessing God offers to those who worship Him.
- Look forward to an eternity of unbroken communion with the Lord.

THE EFFECTS OF WORSHIP

Objective 1. *List five blessings that come through worship.*

The Bible gives us examples of situations similar to the story at the beginning of this lesson. There were times when praise and worship were closely tied to protection and deliverance for the believer.

Worship can also bring strength. In Isaiah 40:31 we read that “they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.” The early martyrs of the

Christian church found strength to face torture and death because they praised and worshiped God. Historians have told how the Christian believers were sent out in the great coliseum of Rome to be eaten by lions. What the crowds watching them did not understand was how these Christians could sing and worship God while facing death! They found strength by taking their eyes off themselves and the terrifying circumstances around them. They simply concentrated on God, on His faithfulness and love. They knew that soon they would be seeing Him face to face!

How happy are the people who worship you with songs, who live in the light of your kindness! Because of you they rejoice all day long, and they praise you for your goodness. You give us great victories; in your love you make us triumphant (Psalm 89:15-17).

As we studied in Lesson two, our first reason for worshiping the Lord is because He is worthy. That one reason is all we need.

But God gives generously and He has promised added benefits that come as a result of worship—blessings we realize and appreciate in this present life. We have already touched on the spiritual blessings we receive, and these cannot be minimized. Our enemy, the devil, will try to beat us down and discourage us, but the Bible says that the joy the Lord gives makes us strong (Nehemiah 8:10).

How do we get this joy? Isaiah 12:3 tells us that God’s people rejoice when He saves them. Sometimes the enemy tries to bring in doubts and rob us of our joy. If we listen to him and make room for discouraging thoughts, we become weak. When we become weak we do not pray as much as we ought to. We might even wonder if we really are saved. But we can get our joy back by deciding to worship, to dwell upon the Lord’s goodness to us. As we worship Him, our cup of joy fills up again and we become strong.

We become strong enough to face problems that otherwise would throw us down. We read that when Job learned that he had lost his children he said, “The Lord gave, and now he has taken away. May his name be praised!” (Job 1:21).

The next verse says, “In spite of everything that had happened Job did not sin by blaming God.” His heart and his mouth were filled with praise because he knew that God was in control. His worship was an expression of that trust.



If you put a jar under a water spout and the jar is kept full of clear, bubbling water, the dust that is in the air will not get in. Dust collects in empty vessels. So it is with us. If we continue to rejoice there will not be room for sinful words and expression.

Jesus who is our perfect example stood at a grave and said, “I thank you, Father, that you listen to me” (John 11:41). After that He restored life to the one who was gone. The Gospels give several instances, too, of the sick who received healing when they worshiped (Matthew 8:2, Mark 7:25).

The greatest and most lasting joy of worship is that we get to know our loving Heavenly Father better. We can feel God’s presence in a special way when we keep His commandment to worship. First John 3:24 tells us that when we keep God’s commandments we live in union with Him and He with us. As we get to know the Lord better we trust Him more. We know that His faithfulness will never fail. We know that He has a plan for our lives and we can rest in the fact that He has everything under control. How wonderful to have the assurance that our future is in His hands here on earth and throughout all eternity (Psalm 139:7-18).

Giving is another act of worship which we have already discussed. When the apostle Paul received gifts from a group of believers, he wrote to acknowledge their generosity and said,

I have all I need now that Epaphroditus has brought me all your gifts. They are like a sweet smelling offering to God, a sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to Him. And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:18-19).

These words indicate that the apostle Paul also recognized giving as an act of worship. He believed that God would reward those who gave. His words confirmed an Old Testament promise where God said, “Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things” (Malachi 3:10).

Acts 8 tells an interesting story of a government official from Ethiopia who had made the long journey to Jerusalem to worship. He spent time and money just to be in the house of the Lord. As he was riding along in his chariot on the way home, he was reading from Isaiah 53. God saw his open heart and sent Philip, an evangelist, to help him. Philip ran over to the chariot and asked the Ethiopian if he knew what he was reading. The man said to him, “How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?” (Acts 8:31).

Philip rode along in the chariot and told the story of Jesus. The official accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized. Then he continued on his way full of joy (Acts 8:39). His spiritual hunger was met and his questions answered as a result of his taking time to worship. What God did for the Ethiopian 1,900 years ago He will do for us today. He will give the answers that we need.

Then we will worship the Lord again, praising Him for leading us in the right way, for He has “faithfully kept his promise” (Genesis 24:27).



For You To Do

1 Read Psalm 89:15-17 again and fill in the sentence. In spite of living in a dark world we can praise the Lord and be assured of
as we rejoice.....

2 Read Psalm 138:2-3. What four reasons are listed in verse 2 for praising and worshipping God?

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3 What two blessings to the worshiper are given in Psalm 138:3?

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4 Five of the many blessings a Christian receives through worship are:

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THE EXTENT OF WORSHIP

Objective 2. *Identify two activities we will share in heaven.*

We have reached the last section of our book on Christian worship. Mostly we have touched on the reasons for worship and how worship affects us as individuals and as members of the church, the body of Christ. This we have read, understood, and experienced.

There are, however, other facets of worship that we do not completely understand. One of them is found in the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As He came riding into the city on a colt, the disciples and the crowd began shouting, "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19:38).

Some of the Pharisees looking on objected to their praise. Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting" (Luke 19:40).

How can stones cry out and shout? We don't know. But we do know that it is possible for God to make them do so if it were necessary. The greater significance of the words of Jesus is, however, that praise is important. Worship is not a meaningless, lifeless ritual. Its powerful force can break through the hardest surface. If we as "living stones" don't praise the Lord, then some other kind of stones will have to. Genuine praise means that much to God and to His eternal plan. How privileged we are to take part!

There are further mysteries to praise, one of them being the ministry of praise we will have in heaven. Little children especially like to ask questions about heaven. What will it be like when we get there? What will we do? If they have lost grandparents or others dear to them, they want to know exactly what has happened. We try to answer them as best we can, but our words falter. We don't know what to say.

What does the Bible have to say about heaven?

"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so" (John 14:1-2).

Heaven is a place that has been specially prepared for us. The most beautiful place on earth cannot compare with it, because sin can never enter heaven. Sin destroys and mars God's creation. But in heaven all will be pure and clean. God will wipe away all tears. There will be no more grief or crying or pain (Revelation 21:4).

What will be in heaven? There will be rejoicing and praise because our victory is complete (1 Corinthians 15:54). We will be forever with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

What will we do in heaven? No doubt God has beautiful surprises waiting for us, most of which He cannot tell us now. As mortals we lack the ability to comprehend things eternal. But of two activities we are certain. We are told of these two activities in Revelation.

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. There shall be no more night, and they will not need lamps or sunlight, because the Lord God will be their light, and they will rule as kings forever and ever (Revelation 22:3, 5).

Worship! And why shouldn't we? When all the heavenly beings are singing and praising the Lord, we will want to do it too. When we see Jesus and we fully understand the price He paid for our salvation, I'm sure we will bow in love and adoration. When we look ahead and realize that heaven is ours for all of eternity, our thankfulness will know no limit. We must praise.

In the Scripture we just read, praise came first. And I am sure it will come first in heaven. We will also be given something else to do. We are to rule as kings forever and ever. (See Revelation 5:6-10.)

Kings do more than sit on thrones. They have responsibilities. Perhaps when you were younger you thought it would be nice to just be lazy and do nothing. After a while you learned how boring that would be. To serve is a pleasure, and to serve God is the greatest pleasure of all.

Kings also have opportunities because they have resources to draw from. Treasures, more than they need, are heaped upon them. Will not the God of heaven likewise supply us with whatever we must have if we are to rule with and for Him? Perhaps we will be given opportunity to explore the universe. We may follow the Milky Way with its billions of stars all the way to the end. Who can tell?

And I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, in the world below, and in the sea—all living beings in the universe—and they were singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor, glory and might, forever and ever" (Revelation 5:13).

And we all say, "Amen!"



For You To Do

- 5 Complete this sentence. Jesus said He would..... a place for us.
- 6 Choose the correct answer to the sentence. Two activities we are certain of in heaven are
 - a) resting and playing harps.
 - b) worshipping and ruling.
 - c) building altars and sacrificing.
- 7 What joyful activity will we and the angels have in common for all eternity?
- 8 Has studying this course helped you in your worship? Has it increased your desire to spend eternity with the Lord? Write in your own words what it has meant to you.

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Now that you have completed the second unit, you are ready to answer the questions in your student report for *UNIT TWO*. Review the previous lessons, then follow the instructions in your student report. Send your answer sheet to the address given on the copyright page of your study guide and ask about another course of study.



Check Your Answers

- 1 light, all day.
- 5 prepare.
- 2 His constant love, His faithfulness, His Name is supreme, His commands are supreme.
- 6 b) worshiping and ruling.
- 3 He answers us when we call. He strengthens us. Look for other blessings in verses 6, 7, and 8.
- 7 Worshiping.
- 4 You might have listed victory, protection, healing, guidance, deliverance, joy, strength, material needs met, or other blessings you have already experienced.
- 8 Your answer.

One Final Word

This is a special kind of book because it was written by people who care about you. These are joyful people who have found good answers to many of the questions and problems which trouble almost everyone in the world. These people believe that God wants them to share with others the answers they have found. They believe that you need some important information in order to answer your own questions and problems and find the way of life that is best for you.

They have prepared this book in order to give you this information. You will find this book based on these fundamental truths:

1. You need a Savior. Read Romans 3:23, Ezekiel 18:20.
2. You cannot save yourself. Read 1 Timothy 2:5, John 14:6.
3. God desires that the world should be saved. Read John 3:16-17.
4. God sent Jesus who gave His life to save all those who believe in Him. Read Galatians 4:4-5, 1 Peter 3:18.
5. The Bible shows us the way of salvation and teaches how to grow in the Christian life. Read John 15:5, John 10:10, 2 Peter 3:18.
6. You decide your eternal destiny. Read Luke 13:1-5, Matthew 10:32-33, John 3:35-36.

This book tells you how to decide your destiny, and it gives you opportunities to express your decision. Also, the book is different from others because it gives you a chance to contact people who prepared it. If you want to ask questions, or explain your needs and feelings, you may write to them.

In the back of the book you should find a card entitled *Decision Report and Request Card*. When you have made a decision, fill out the card and mail it as indicated. Then you will receive more help. You may use the card to ask questions, or make requests for prayer or information.

If there is no card in this copy of the book, write to your ICI instructor and you will receive a personal answer.

Christian Worship

UNIT STUDENT REPORTS AND ANSWER SHEETS

STUDENT REPORT DIRECTIONS

When you have completed your study of each unit, fill out the answer sheet for that unit. Do only one unit at a time. Return each answer sheet to your ICI instructor or office in your area as soon as you have completed it.

The following are directions on how to indicate your answer to each question.

EXAMPLE

There is one best answer. Blacken the space for the answer you have chosen.

- 1** To be born again means to
- a) be young in age.
 - b) accept Jesus as Savior.
 - c) start a new year.

The correct answer is b) *accept Jesus as Savior*, so you would blacken space **b** like this:

1	A	B	C
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Now read the questions in your Student Report and mark your answers in the answer section as we have shown in our example. Choose your answer and blacken the space **a**, **b**, or **c** according to your choice.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT ONE

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** Two ways that we can worship God are
 - a) speaking our love to God and doing deeds of kindness.
 - b) being cheerful and staying healthy.
 - c) thinking positive thoughts and feeling good about ourselves.
- 2** The most important personal qualities we need in worship are
 - a) love, self confidence, and courage.
 - b) love, obedience, and humility.
 - c) love, patience, and faith.
- 3** Humility means to
 - a) give God first place in our lives.
 - b) realize how worthless we are.
 - c) give away everything we own.
- 4** If we feel we need help to know how to worship, we can
 - a) buy a prayer book.
 - b) ask the Holy Spirit to help us.
 - c) memorize some phrases that sound nice.
- 5** Over a period of time our worship will
 - a) settle down to one set pattern or form.
 - b) change as the Holy Spirit moves.
 - c) be something we have memorized well.
- 6** We can learn of ways to worship God by
 - a) asking our friends.
 - b) visiting different churches.
 - c) reading about worship in the Bible.
- 7** The kind of worship that God loves to receive is
 - a) loud.
 - b) sincere.
 - c) completely silent.
- 8** We should be ready to trust ourselves to God's love and care
 - a) because God is all-powerful.
 - b) whenever we need more faith.
 - c) only when all else fails.
- 9** The fear of the Lord is a deep reverence that
 - a) makes us think of a funeral.
 - b) makes us afraid of God.
 - c) draws us to prayer and worship.
- 10** Holiness means
 - a) fearing God.
 - b) having visions such as Isaiah had.
 - c) being free from sin and upright in every way.

- 11** Our greatest example in giving is
- our pastor.
 - Moses.
 - our Heavenly Father.
- 12** “Abba” is what a child who speaks Aramaic would call his or her
- teacher.
 - father.
 - brother.
- 13** Presenting our needs to God is an example of a prayer of
- worship.
 - intercession.
 - petition.
- 14** One of the ways in which worshiping in the Spirit helps believers is that it
- helps us to learn foreign languages.
 - frees us from problems.
 - helps us pray with results.
- 15** When we are “waiting before the Lord” we
- are keeping still outwardly and inwardly.
 - can read a book while we wait.
 - are sleeping.
- 16** The Lord most often speaks to us when
- we keep insisting that He tell us something.
 - our minds are actively engaged in prayer.
 - our minds and spirits are quiet before Him.
- 17** Worship through service means
- offering ourselves, all that we are and all that we have.
 - doing witnessing.
 - working an “eight hour a day” job.
- 18** Jesus Christ is the greatest example of total service to others because He
- worked hard at catching fish for other people.
 - helped people only spiritually.
 - was always serving others in every way.
- 19** We can worship God through service
- when our attitudes are right.
 - even though we have selfish motives.
 - and forget about other forms of worship.
- 20** When we serve the Lord in giving, we should
- get proper credit for our giving.
 - give cheerfully, generously, and with humility.
 - be careful not to give too much.

This is the end of the requirements for Unit One. Please stop here and return your Answer Sheet for Unit One to your instructor. Continue your study in Unit Two.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT TWO

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** Songs of worship are
 - a) usually very slow songs.
 - b) always fast and full of action.
 - c) songs that extol and praise the Lord.
- 2** The Psalms were Jewish songs
 - a) used only for praise.
 - b) that cover various themes, including worship.
 - c) that mean little to us today.
- 3** An important principle concerning the use of musical instruments in worship is that
 - a) only instruments used in the Old Testament should be played.
 - b) you should not play any instrument until you have mastered it.
 - c) you must be careful to consider the musical tastes of others.
- 4** God opened the prison doors for Paul and Silas after
 - a) they threatened to sue the jailer.
 - b) they prayed and sang praises to God.
 - c) their prison sentence was completed.
- 5** The Holy Spirit will use music to draw men and women to Himself
 - a) only if the music is outstanding.
 - b) only if it is sung by a whole congregation.
 - c) when the music is dedicated to the Lord.
- 6** Like a picture, the background for our worship should be
 - a) clean, clear, and uncluttered.
 - b) one of absolute silence.
 - c) in a beautiful building.
- 7** The person most responsible for my having a clear conscience is
 - a) my pastor.
 - b) my family.
 - c) myself.
- 8** To be clean before God means that we
 - a) are better than other people.
 - b) have prayed and God has forgiven us.
 - c) attend church regularly.
- 9** You and I may express ourselves differently in worship because we have
 - a) come from different cultures.
 - b) not learned all the rituals.
 - c) copied the wrong people.
- 10** The New Testament emphasizes the point that
 - a) angels may be worshiped.
 - b) only God should be worshiped.
 - c) Old Testament forms of worship are no longer valid.

- 11** When Jesus died on the cross He opened the way for us to
- go directly to God and worship Him.
 - worship in the same way.
 - no longer be concerned about offending others.
- 12** We can learn to worship when we
- learn certain rituals.
 - watch other people.
 - take time to worship.
- 13** One way to improve your own devotional and worship time is to
- free yourself from schedules and set times.
 - worship only when you feel like it.
 - keep a daily devotional notebook.
- 14** In group worship everyone should
- keep still and let one person lead.
 - feel free to take part.
 - pray out loud.
- 15** One reason for united worship is to
- enable us to think about our problems.
 - be in the presence of the Lord with those who gather in His name.
 - avoid those embarrassing periods of silence.
- 16** Jesus said that if the people did not praise Him,
- the stones would start shouting.
 - He would have to force them to do it.
 - it did not really matter.
- 17** We can get our joy back by
- thinking positive thoughts.
 - getting rid of our problems.
 - deciding to worship.
- 18** We know heaven is more beautiful than earth because
- angels are there.
 - it is newer.
 - sin can never enter there.
- 19** The Bible tells us that we shall
- play harps forever.
 - go to heaven just to rest.
 - worship and rule forever.
- 20** We will want to worship in heaven because we will
- see Jesus and fully understand the price He paid for our salvation.
 - enjoy being reunited with family members and friends.
 - not have to work anymore.

End of requirements for Unit Two. Please return your student report Answer Sheet for Unit Two to your ICI instructor. Now that you have completed your study of this course, ask your instructor to recommend another course of study.

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