

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the meaning of worship?
2. Where should we worship?
3. How should we worship God?

SUMMARY:

True worship of God is not so much an occasion or event as it is a condition of the heart. While many worship God only because of a sense of duty, one with an upright heart desires to praise God and trust in Him continuously.

True worshippers will be rewarded with blessings from God that can be received from no other source. Peace of mind and heart may be the most desired which many daily seek in other ways. Then God gives guidance and strength through this life. The greatest promise to the faithful worshipper is eternal life.

NOTES:

[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

[SoF:16] We believe that the gift of eternal life is a present possession of every true disciple of Jesus Christ, and that nothing nor anyone can take it from him. However, it is a realistic possibility for a true believer, of his own free will, to no longer "continue in the faith" but instead to apostatize, "depart from the faith", return to sin, and consequently forfeit the eternal life he once possessed.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

July 2, 2017

Third Quarter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD

LESSON TEXT: *Psalm 84:1-12*

LESSON SETTING: ?

TIME: ?

I. WORSHIP IS NECESSARY. Psalm 84:1-4

- A. Longing of Heart and Soul (vs. 2) Deuteronomy 9:18; Psalm 42:1-2; Luke 6:21 **[SoF:1]**
- B. A Place of Refuge (vs. 3) Proverbs 14:26; Isaiah 25:4
- C. Inspiration to Praise God (vs. 4) Luke 24:52, 53; Acts 2:46-47

II. WORSHIP IS REWARDING. Psalm 84:5-12

- A. Strengthening (vs. 5) Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 26:4
- B. A Refreshing Well in the Desert (vs. 6) Psalm 36:8; John 7:37
- C. Shield of Safety (vs. 9) Deuteronomy 33:29
- D. Joy of Humble Service (vs. 10) Luke 14:10; James 4:10
- E. Light (vs. 11) Malachi 4:2; John 8:12
- F. Grace and Glory (vs. 11) 2 Corinthians 12:9

GOLDEN TEXT: O LORD OF HOSTS, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THEE. **[SoF:16]**

Psalm 84:12

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Kings 1:5-40

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Samuel 2:1 through 3:1

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: SOLOMON CROWNED KING

INTRODUCTION:

For the second time during David's reign, a son sought to usurp authority over the father and to assume the role of king. In a past lesson we have studied about Absalom and his treachery and deceitfulness. We also know how the Lord dealt with him as a result of his sin.

Now David's fourth son sought to do what the third son was unable to do. The situation was different since David was now quite aged and unable to fulfill his duties, but the attempt was just as sinful because it was not ordained by either David or God.

It is generally supposed that David did make a vow to Bathsheba that Solomon should be king because Solomon was loved by God (2 Samuel 12:24) and was favored by Him. This vow likely was known only to Bathsheba and Nathan, the prophet of God.

Thus God favored this move and blessed Solomon. The people accepted this coronation and rejoiced in it.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Rebellion against God brings destruction; obedience to God brings honor and His approval.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE KINGDOM IS THE LORD'S: AND HE IS THE GOVERNOR AMONG THE NATIONS.*

Psalm 22:28

David recognized that the kingdom of Israel was not his kingdom but was the Lord's. It was natural for him to seek the guidance of God whom he cherished and elevated and it was also natural that even with the appointing of Solomon to the throne, David should seek God's blessing upon it. Solomon was not just made king. He was anointed as king by the hands of Zadok the priest of God, and Nathan, the prophet of God. This in effect placed God's blessing upon it and upon the man God loved.

With us too, if we recognize that our lives are not ours alone but are to be controlled by Christ as the Sovereign of our lives—and let Him rule us—we shall be blest by Him in seeking to promote His kingdom.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 3 – 9

M. *The Evil Plot. 1 Kings 1:1-10

T. *The Wise Mother. 1 Kings 1:11-21

W. *The King's Decision. 1 Kings 1:22-31

T. *Solomon Crowned King. 1 Kings 1:32-40

F. Shocking News. 1 Kings 1:41-48

S. The King Rules. 1 Kings 1:49-53

S. God's Way of Choosing Leaders. Psalm 75:1-10

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