

The Coming and Going of Worship

Chapter 11

Audio Lesson: Old Testament #56



Objective: To learn the appropriate way to enter God's presence and worship Him.



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100

In Old Testament times, there was a specific protocol to follow when a person had an appointment with the king. Entering the king's presence was not a quick and simple process. David described worship as entering God's presence with a specific protocol to follow. The only appropriate way to enter into God's presence is with thanksgiving and praise, and one of the best ways to express those attitudes is through music.

When we come into the presence of God, we can come to know by experience things that we have only known intellectually. We experience how good He is, we learn of His desire to know all people in all nations, and we learn to joyfully serve Him. The pattern of worship leads us to greater depth in our relationship with Him and results in greater growth and fruitfulness for Him.



1. **True** or false? Many of the psalms can be used as worship songs.
2. True or **false**? We can only worship God in a group of other believers in church.
3. True or **false**? Music is entertaining, but it has nothing to do with our worship of God.

Unless otherwise noted, choose one answer for each question.

4. How should we enter God's presence?
 - a. With our best clothes on
 - b. With very specific rituals
 - c. With thanksgiving, praise, and singing**
 - d. With grief over what we have lost
5. What do we know after being in God's presence?
 - a. The Lord is God.
 - b. The Lord is good.
 - c. God wants everyone on earth to worship and serve Him.
 - d. All of the above**
 - e. None of the above
6. How long does God's mercy endure?
 - a. Until His patience runs out
 - b. Until we have sinned seven times
 - c. About twenty years
 - d. Forever**
7. How does God rescue people?
 - a. Only physically
 - b. Only emotionally
 - c. Only spiritually
 - d. In every way that we can be lost**
8. What kind of person does God heal and redeem?
 - a. The blind, bound, and broken**
 - b. Only the self-sufficient
 - c. Only the godly
 - d. Only those who are worthy
9. What is God's favorite tool for bringing revival to His people?
 - a. Exposing His people to good teaching
 - b. Allowing His people to experience great needs**
 - c. Giving His people everything they want
 - d. Punishing His people for every mistake

10. What is the end result of all of God's saving work?

- a. **We praise and worship Him.**
- b. We get what we want.
- c. We never have any more problems.
- d. We keep it a secret and never mention it again.



How many ways has God saved you? Have you been healed physically? Delivered from some type of bondage? Had your spiritual eyes enlightened? What has He done that you should praise Him for? Determine to start each day praising and thanking Him.



Thank God for His redemption of every area of your life. Spend some time praising and worshiping Him (describing to Him how good He is) for all He has done.



Going Deeper

1. How can you personally apply the protocol that David gives metaphorically in Psalm 100, of entering into the presence of God? _____

2. In addition to the 'how-to' of worship, how does this psalm define worship? _____

3. What is supposed to happen to us when we worship? _____

4. What are the things we know when we enter into God's presence? _____

5. When we "bless His Name," what are the characteristics of His Name mentioned in this psalm? _____

6. In what way does this psalm emphasize the importance of thanksgiving? _____

7. How does the way this psalm begins and ends show us that the world is on God's heart and should be on our heart as we worship? _____
