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Acts 17:28

Worship Through Appreciation - 1st Chronicles 16:28-29

Worship Through Admiration

- We have been studying worship using King David's song of praise when the Arc of the Covenant was returned to Jerusalem in *1st Chronicles 16:7-36*
 - Giving praise and thanksgiving to the Lord (*bringing our minds into worship, actively becoming engaged*)
 - Singing to Him (*bringing our emotions into worship*)
 - Glory in His holy name (*bringing honor in who He is or just because He is*)
 - Seeking His face always (*not just His hands, to know Him*)
 - Remembering His covenant with His children (*which He promises to remember eternally*)
- King David tells us there is one more aspect or characteristic of worship that allows our worship to be pure or complete - **Adoration**

Scripture

- **1st Chronicles 16:28-29 NIV**, 28 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

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- Adoration - Intense admiration (*regarding a person, object, or characteristic trait with respect or warm approval*)
 - Culminating in (*bringing with it or resulting in*) reverence (*attitude of the heart and mind*) and worship
 - Together with the outward acts and attitudes which accompany such reverence (*bowing, lifting of hands or face to heaven, kneeling before, praying, singing...*)
 - **Matthew 2:11 NIV**, On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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 - **2nd Samuel 6:14-15 NIV**, 14 Wearing a linen ephod (*a holy linen vest*) David was dancing before the Lord with all his might (*all parts of David engaged*), 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.



- This doesn't look very stuffy and kingly, does it
- In our verses today King David tells us how to worship through admiration

We worship through admiration when we Intentionally prepare to come before Him

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 - Notice the command with an expectation of obedience
 - David tells us there are some things we are needing to do and bring before our coming before the Lord in worship

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- Imagine coming before a King who holds all the power in his kingdom
 - You are going to prepare yourself
 - Maybe you have a request, you will prepare ahead of time how to say it, the tone used, words showing how earnest or important this request is to you
 - How do I approach a King, Are there certain greetings I should say, Letting him speak first, Making request only when King asks for it
 - You will personally come

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- King David and all of Israel had been preparing for this day
 - They had trusted God was leading them to bring back to Jerusalem His Arc (*sign of His presence representing the immediate presence and glory of God in Israel*)
 - God had placed or associated His Name on the arc
 - **2nd Samuel 6:2 NIV**, He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, “the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark”.

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- King David and all of Israel had been preparing for this day
 - It was a long trip back where lots of things could go wrong, and they had prepared for it as best they could
 - It was dangerous and had to be moved exactly like God had commanded in the Law, which they did not check before they started
 - **1st Chronicles 13:9-10 NIV**, *(They put the ark on a new cart with strong warriors and oxen)* 9 When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, because the oxen stumbled. 10 The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark. So he died there before God. *(and David was furious at the Lord)*

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 - **1st Chronicles 15:13-15 NIV**, “13 It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.”
14 So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel. 15 And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the Lord.
 - All this had to take place before worshipping could happen in Jerusalem

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- So often when we come before God to worship, we have not adequately prepared
 - We have not thought this time all week until Sunday morning
 - We come with our minds swimming with everything swirling in our lives except worship – not prepared our minds
 - We have not been enhancing our relationship with God through His Word and prayer all week except through popcorn prayers
 - We will let some praise and thanksgiving items float in our minds maybe coming out our lips

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- So often when we come before God to worship, we have not adequately prepared
 - We might hope the singing lifts our emotions, maybe bring a shot of adrenalin waking us up
 - When we do this week in and out our worship will become stale leading not to worship, but religion which is very unsatisfying

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- **1st Chronicles 16:28-29a NIV** “28 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name”
 - Ascribe - attribute something to a particular person, regard a quality as belonging to
 - **MSG**, “28-29 Shout Bravo! to God, families of the peoples, in awe of the Glory, in awe of the Strength: Bravo! Shout Bravo! to his famous Name, lift high an offering and enter his presence! Stand resplendent in his robes of holiness!”
 - Bravo = Italian word meaning extremely well done!, literally "brave"
 - Usually associated with a performance of an extremely difficult production

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- Hebrew word for glory - In the Old Testament has the simple meaning of "heaviness" or "weight"
 - Think of the weight of gold compared to silver, lead, copper
 - Gold was the heaviest element known to them
 - Gold was held in great value and still is with an ounce of gold was selling for \$1,920 on 06/23/23
 - It was used in everyday speech to express the worth of a person in the material sense
 - And then to express the ideas of importance, greatness, honor, splendor, power, and so on

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- We are called to admire God for who He is
 - This takes true knowledge of Him
 - We must dive into Scripture seeking His face, nature
 - It takes an understanding of how different He is to us
 - Seeing Him in the light of His holiness and not ours
 - There truly is no other one like him in all of creation

We worship through admiration when worship Him through the splendor of His holiness

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- Splendor - grandeur; glory; brilliant distinction
 - **Matthew 17:1-2 NIV**, 1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.
 - Demonstrating the purity of Jesus Christ, holiness of Jesus Christ even upon the earth

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- Splendor of His Holiness
 - **Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV**, In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:
 - “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”
 - 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

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- Holiness
 - What was Isaiah's response?
 - **Isaiah 6:5 NIV**, "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."
 - There is much we do not understand about these verses but the one thing that stand out is how different God is to everything created, even us
 - How worthy He is of our worship
 - What our response would be and should be when in His presence
 - We will either cower in fear or bow in worship when in His presence

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- There are three primary or main aspect which are central to understanding God's holiness
 - God's holiness means He is separate, distinct, unique
 - He is eternal, without a beginning or end, outside of time
 - He is uncreated, His existence is grounded in Himself, and not dependent on anything else
 - He is omniscient - all things are known to God from all eternity, God does not learn

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 - God's holiness means He is separate, distinct, unique
 - He is omnipotent – all power and authority belong to God and flow from Him; nothing is strenuous, tiring, or beyond His ability
 - He is omnipresent – He is above all things holding it all together, His presence is everywhere all the time, His presence is not limited by time or space
 - God is three distinct and equal persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit existing eternally as one God

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- There are three primary or main aspect which are central to understanding God's holiness
 - God's holiness means He is transcendent or incomprehensible
 - Every individual aspect of who God is, is so uniquely glorious it cannot be fully measured or comprehended
 - He is beyond the limits and borders of every living thing
 - He is greater in every way than all else
 - His goodness, creativity, wisdom, authority, righteousness, justice, wrath, faithfulness, compassion, mercy, grace
 - The only word we have to describe this is amazing

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- There are three primary or main aspect which are central to understanding God's holiness
 - God's holiness means He is pure, perfect, faultless in every way for all times
 - Remember this when He wills or allows hardship to come into your life
 - When He says "No" to your will
- Someone summarized God's holiness this way
 - "God is uniquely and incomprehensibly preeminent in every flawless facet of His eternal being, and therefore worthy of whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of His creatures."

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- We will let the word of Paul after teaching on the great salvation of God in **Romans 11:33-36 NIV**, summarize our study this morning
 - 33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
 - 34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”
 - 36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen

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- We will let the word of Paul after teaching on the great salvation of God in **Romans 11:33-36 MSG**,
 - 33-36, Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out.
 - Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do? Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice?
 - Everything comes from him; Everything happens through him; Everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes.
- To me this sounds like worshipping through appreciation



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