

WORSHIPPING YOUR KING PART I

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INTRODUCTION

- Worship is vital to a believer's wellbeing and refreshment.
- Worship has to do with refreshing, getting renewed and built up.
- For many of us this doesn't happen.

I. COMING INTO REFRESHMENT

- The Bible has lots of pictures of how God works in people.
- The Old Testament is a shadow of the New Testament; it is a picture of what God wants to do with us.
- Ezekiel 46:9, "But when the people of the land come before the Lord at the appointed feasts...No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out."
- A natural illustration of a spiritual principle...you come in one way to worship and go out another way.
- Vs. 10 - "The prince shall be in their midst."
- It is a picture of Jesus and us coming into His presence in worship and going out different.
- Unfortunately many of us don't experience this regularly.

II. OPENING TO REFRESHING

- Like in my early days, many of you come to worship subdued.
- You feel worship is a personal thing and any outward expression is off limits for you.

- Open enthusiastic praise is not something you're comfortable with.
- The pictures of worship in the Old Testament can help you to see this enthusiasm is Biblical.

III. A PICTURE OF PRAISE

- In the Hebrew language there are several words that we translate into praise, seven primarily.
- The words that we translate praise actually mean singing, dancing, shouting, rejoicing, adoring, etc.
- Psalm 67:3, "Let the peoples praise You oh God..."
- The word yaw-daw means to extend your hands and revere and worship, give thanks.
- We are not just saying praise God, we are demonstrating praise towards God.

III. FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF YOUR FOREFATHERS

- I Kings 8:22-27 – Solomon worships and extols God with his arms lifted high.
- Israel didn't see worship as a static thing.
- It involved their whole person - they danced, they sang, they lifted their hands and they shouted to God.
- Psalm 149:3, "Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp."
- Here the word praise is haw-lal.
- It is about laying aside inhibitions and self-consciousness and giving yourself to God.
- For many of us in the western world this type of celebration is off limits.
- We miss some of what God has for us with Him.

CLOSE

- Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."