

Part X

“Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!”

Various Scriptures

“A ‘True Heart of Worship’ is molded and fashioned around the **12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service**. However, these **Ancient Paths** are all but lost to us today, in our fast paced lifestyle both during the work week, and on Sunday morning in our church worship service. Nevertheless, together we search out these ancient paths and strive to place them into our everyday lives, and our life together, over the next four weeks.”

Ancient Paths & Obedience

“Thus Says the Lord: “Stand in the **Ways** and see, and ask for the **Ancient Paths**, where the **Good Way Is**, and **Walk in Them**; then you will find rest for your souls!” But they replied, “We will not walk in **Them!**” Jeremiah 6:16

12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service

Worship In Song

1. Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms)
2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit)

Worship In the Word

3. Preaching & Teaching (Hermeneutics: Historical & Theological)
4. Conviction & Repentance (Heart / Soul Sorrow & Salvation)
5. Admonish & Rebuke (Correction & Restoration)

Worship In the Spirit

6. Awe & Majesty (Presence & Relationship)
7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength)
8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification)

Worship In His Will

9. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation)
10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude)

Worship In Communion

11. Edification & Encouragement (Instruction & Uplifting)
12. Fellowship & Friendship (Community & Companionship)

This Week’s Investigation, Contemplation, & Implementation Will Focus On:

Worship In His Will

10. **Blessing** & **Thanksgiving** (Gifts & Gratitude)

Scriptural Roots of Blessing

(Favor / Person)

Noun - Object / Thing

Scriptural Roots of Blessed

(Gift / Thing)

Verb - Action / Offering

Blessing as Favor:

“To be in alignment with the mind and will of God in thought, word, & deed; thereby finding favor with God from which all Blessings flow!”

Blessing as Gifts:

“God’ Grants His Personal Blessings as both physical & spiritual gifts to fall on those who are in communion, relationship, & unity with Him!”

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Scriptures Concerning Blessing the Lord

Then I (John) Looked, and I (John) Heard the Voice of *Many Angels* Around the Throne, the (*Four*) *Living Creatures*, and the (*Twenty-Four*) *Elders*; and the *Number of Them (Angels)* was *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand*, and *Thousands of Thousands*, Saying with a Loud Voice: “*Worthy Is the Lamb Who Was Slain To Receive: Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honor, Glory and Blessing (Praise)!*” And *Every Creature Which* Is In Heaven, On the Earth, Under the Earth, in the Sea, and *All That Are in Them*, I Heard Saying: “*Blessing (Praise), Honor, Glory and Power Be to Him Who Sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb, Forever and Ever!*” Then the *Four Living Creatures* Said, “*Amen!*” And the *Twenty-Four Elders* Fell Down and Worshiped Him Who Lives Forever and Ever!
Revelation 5:1-14

A Psalm Of David. “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, Bless His Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His Benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His Ways to Moses, His Acts to the children of Israel. The Lord *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive *with us*, nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities *his* children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust. As for man, his days *are* like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His Covenant, and to those who remember His Commandments to do them. The Lord has established His Throne in Heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His Word, heeding the Voice of His Word. Bless the Lord, all *you* His hosts, *you* ministers of His, who do His Pleasure (Will). Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His Dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Psalm 103

More On Blessing the Lord

Blessing God: [Genesis 14:20](#), [Job 1:21](#), [Psalm 26:12](#), [68:9-19](#), & [145:1-21](#), [Romans 15:29](#), [Revelation 5:11-14](#) & [7:9-12](#). Blessing God's House: [2nd Samuel 7:29](#) & [1st Kings 8:12-21](#)

Scriptures Concerning Blessing As Favor

After these things I (John) Looked, and Behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the Throne and before the Lamb, Clothed in White Robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and They Cry Out with a Loud Voice, Saying, “*Salvation to Our God Who Sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb!*” And all the *Angels* were standing around the Throne and around the (*Twenty-Four*) *Elders* and the *Four Living Creatures*; and *They (All)* fell on their faces Before the Throne and Worshiped God, Saying:

^{A1} [“*Amen, Blessing ¹ and Glory ² and Wisdom ³ and Thanksgiving ⁴ and Honor ⁵ and Power ⁶ and Might, ⁷ be to Our God forever and ever. Amen!*”] ^{A2}

Then *One* of the (*Twenty-Four*) *Elders* Answered, Saying to *Me (John)*, “*These Who are Clothed in the White Robes, Who are They, and where have They come from?*” I (John) Said to *Him*, “*My lord, you know!*” And *He Said* to *Me (John)*, “*These are the Ones Who come out of the great tribulation, and They have Washed Their Robes and made Them White in the Blood of the Lamb. For this Reason (Washed White in the Blood of the Lamb), They are Before the Throne of God; and They Serve Him ‘Day and Night’ in His Temple; ...*

... And He Who Sits on the Throne will Spread His Tabernacle over Them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on Them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the Center of the Throne will be Their Shepherd, and will guide Them to 'Springs of the Water of Life'; and God will wipe every tear from Their eyes!" Revelation 7:9-17

More On Blessing As Favor

Blessing of People with God's Favor: Genesis 1:28, 9:1, 12:2, 17:20, 22:17, 24:35, 28:1, 32:29, 48:16, Deuteronomy 23:5, Joshua 14:13, 22:6, 1st Samuel 2:20, 2nd Samuel 6:11, 1st Kings 3:13, 8:14, Psalm 28:9, 29:11, 127:3-5, 129:8, Proverbs 31:28, Matthew 25:34, Luke 1:28, 2:3, & 24:51. Blessing on Days of Creation: Genesis 2:3 & Exodus 20:11. Blessing on Things & Needs: Genesis 1:29, 27:27, Exodus 23:25, Ezekiel 34:25-27, Mark 6:41 & 1st Corinthians 10:16. Blessed For Obedience & Service: "Beatitudes": Matthew 5:3-12 & Revelation 1:3, 14:3, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7 & 14. Blessings & Actions - Like the Beatitudes: Luke 6:28, John 13:12-17, Acts 20:35, Romans Chapter 12 & 1st Peter 3:8-9.

Scriptures Concerning Blessing As Gifts

"A Comparison of the 9# Beatitudes Of Matthew & 7# Beatitudes of Revelation"

Nine Beatitudes of Matthew

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God."
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
- 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the Prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:3-12

Seven Beatitudes of Revelation – Chiasmata / Bookends

- 3 * "Blessed is he who Reads and those who Hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near." Revelation 1:3
- 13 Then I heard a Voice from Heaven Saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "That they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Revelation 14:13
- 15 "Behold, I AM coming as a Thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." Revelation 16:15
- 9 * Then He Said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are Called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!'" And He Said to me, "These are the True Sayings of God." Revelation 19:9 *
- 6 "Blessed and Holy is he who has part in the First Resurrection. Over such the Second Death has no power, but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ, and shall Reign with Him a thousand years." Revelation 20:6
- 7 "Behold, I AM Coming Quickly! Blessed is he who Keeps the Words of the Prophecy of this Book." Revelation 22:7
- 14 "Blessed are those who do His Commandments that they may have the Right to the Tree of Life, and may enter through the Gates into the City."* Revelation 22:14

More On Blessings As Gifts

Gift As Relationship with God & Others: Isaiah 56:1-8, Jeremiah 24:4-7, Ezekiel 11:14-20, Matthew 11:28, 16:19, Luke 10:19, 11:13, John 4:14, 6:51, 10:28, 14:27, Revelation 2:1-3, & 8-10, & 26-28 & 21:6. Gifts as Possessions or Needs: Genesis 1:29, Deuteronomy 8:18, 11:14, Psalms 136:25 & Malachi 3:10-12 ...

... Gifts As Affliction Leading To Blessing: [Deuteronomy 8:5](#), [Job 5:17 & 23:10](#), [Psalm 66:10, 94:12](#), [Proverbs 3:11-12](#), [Isaiah 48:10](#), [Malachi 3:3](#), [John 15:2](#), [2nd Corinth 4:1, 4:16-17](#), [Hebrews 12:5-11](#), [1st Peter 1:7, 4:12](#), [Revelation 3:14-21, 7:13-17 & 11:15-19](#).

Scriptural Roots of Thanksgiving

(Gratitude / Praise)

Noun - Object / Thing

Scriptural Roots of Thanksgiving

(Giving / Offering)

Verb - Action / Offering

Thanksgiving as Gratitude

“Thanksgiving as an act of worship & praise out of a heart of appreciation for God’s Blessing, Goodness, & Grace in our lives!”

Thanksgiving As Offering

“Thanksgiving is an act of devotion, offering, & sacrifice, to glorify God for His Divine Favor, Gifts, & Providence in our lives!”

Scriptures Concerning Thanksgiving as Gratitude

Paul Writes, *“Therefore, He Says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you Light.’ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the Will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, Giving Thanks (Gratitude) Always for All Things to God the Father in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.”* [Ephesians 5:14-21](#)

More On Thanksgiving as Gratitude

See More: [1st Chronicles 16:1-36](#), [Psalm 26:7, 28:7, 33:2, 50:14, 92:1-4, 95:1-2, & 100:1-5, 107:1-43, 119:62, & 145:10](#), [Isaiah 12:1-6](#), [Daniel 2:23](#), [Luke 17:11-19](#), [Acts 28:15](#), [Romans 6:17-18, 1st Corinthians 1:4 & 15:57, 2nd Corinthians 9:15, Ephesians 1:15-23, Philippians 4:4-7, Colossians 1:9-14 & 3:12-17, 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18, 2nd Thessalonians 1:3-4, 1st Timothy 1:12-17 & 4:4-5, Revelation 4:8-11 & 11:15-19.](#)

Scriptures Concerning Thanksgiving As Offering

Paul Reminds Us, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an Altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus also, that He Might Sanctify the People with His Own Blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His Reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore, by Him Let Us Continually Offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, Giving Thanks to His Name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with Such Sacrifices God Is Well Pleased.”* [Hebrews 13:8-16](#)

More On Thanksgiving as Offering

A Sacrifice of Constant Offering: [Leviticus 7:11-21](#), [Psalm 107](#), [Matthew 15:36 & 26:26-29](#) & [Revelation 7:7:13-17](#).

Personal Daily Question #1

*“How Do I Implement **Blessing** Into My Daily Life?”*

Personal Daily Answer #1

A) I Will Remember My Lord’s Favor Is Constantly Upon Me as His Blessing.

And I Dwell with Him Each Day in a Spirit of Humility, Obedience, & Unity to His Will for My Life.

B) I Will Remember the Spiritual Gifts God Has Blessed Me With

To Be Used for His Glory & Other’s Benefit.

Sunday Worship Question #1

*“How Do We Implement **Blessing** Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?”*

Sunday Worship Answer #1

- A) I Will Endeavor to Continually Remind Us All of God’s Bountiful Blessings, Favor, & Gifts That He Has Given to Us to be Used in Our Community & in the World.
- B) The Worship Team Will Focus Individually & Together on God’s Blessing, Favor, & Gifts. Then They Will Reflect Back to Us a Sacrifice Of: Hymns, Melodies, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs.

Personal Daily Question #2

*“How Do I Implement **Thanksgiving** Into My Daily Life?”*

Personal Daily Answer #2

- A) I Will Remember Daily to Give God Planned & Spontaneous Offering of: Gratitude, Praise, Thanks, & Worship Each Day.
- B) I Will Express to Others I Encounter in My Family, My Community, & Online: How Thankful I Truly Am For The Gift They Are To Me From God on High.

Sunday Worship Question #2

*“How Do We Implement **Thanksgiving** Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?”*

Sunday Worship Answer #2

- A) I Will Endeavor to Continually Remind Us All of Our Need to Continually Offer Up Our Corporate Act of Sacrifice of: Gratitude, Praise, Thanks, & Worship Each Day.
- B) The Worship Team Focus Individually & Together on God’s Generosity & Goodness. Then They Will Reflect Back to Us a Sacrifice Of: Gratitude, Giving, Offering, Service, & Thanks.

NEXT WEEK

Part XI

“Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!”

Worship In Communion

- 11. **Edification** & **Encouragement** (Instruction & Uplifting)