

## Knowing My Purpose Pt 5

### I Am a Worshipper of God

- It's interesting that when you are young one of the most asked questions that you will hear is **"what do you wan to be when you grow up"**? Afterwards kids then will begin to answer > a fireman, a teacher, the president, a basketball or football player. One thing you never hear a child say is I already know what I've been created to do > **"a worshipper of God"**. Can you imagine the response of the person asking them that question, they'd be surprised or taken aback, some would immediately think the child's been brainwashed, do an investigation.
- That answer is exactly what the Lord said we've been created to be > **Ps 148:1-14**- according to this verse the Angels, the elements, nature, the sun and moon, mankind, everything that is in existence has been created to Praise the Lord. **Ps 96:11-13** tells us a similar thing about creation, how it is looking for the return of The Lord to judge the earth and its people, for only then, will we and can we truly enjoy the things around us as God's truth reigns.
- **Lk 19:37-40** as we were preparing to celebrate Easter, we went over this verse how the week before our Lord went to the cross He came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey and the people came alongside spreading their clothes on the road as they would for a King, **Math 21:8-9**- says they also cut down palm branches and waved them from side to side crying out **"Hosanna, Hosanna, in The Highest"** which means save now, this was a form of worship.
- In the Luke account the religious leaders came to Jesus and asked Him to tell the people to stop crying out to Him but He said > **"if these should keep silent then the rocks would immediately cry out"** Wow! **Is 55:11-12** says when the Lord returns the trees who have their branches lifted up to the skies will do so as if they are clapping in applause for all that the Lord has done in redeeming us from not only a lost life but also out of a lost and dying world.
- Since we've been created to worship, we can expect that whatever it takes to stop us from doing what we've been created to, can and will happen. **Jer 20:1-2** Jeremiah was called to preach the gospel to Judah the Southern Kingdom of Israel, and initially he was praising and worshipping The Lord, but eventually one of the main priests a man named "Pashhur" resented what he was saying and had him arrested, beaten and put in chains.
- **Jer 20:3-6** the next day Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of jail and wanted to know had he learned his lesson, changed his message and had a new outlook on things, but Jeremiah refused to change his message but he did change Pashhur's name which meant freedom or liberty, to Magor-Missabib, which means terror on every side. This didn't mean that he would be terrorizing those who don't agree with him like he's been doing, but because he refused to listen to God's message he would see the outpouring of God's judgment upon his life.

- For eventually Babylon would carry away all the wealth of Jerusalem and plunder the entire city and area because of their refusal to listen to God and His Word. **Jer 20:7-10** this is where it gets interesting as Jeremiah confesses, opens his heart to express the depth of his inner emotions. He felt like he'd been tricked, that God drew him in and encouraged him to share this powerful message for the people of Jerusalem to repent and follow the Lord.
- He thought that once he did many would repent and that he'd be accepted by the masses, but the opposite happened, nobody repented, and everyone despised him, and instead of acceptance he was rejected, so much so he finds himself locked up in chains in prison. In response he told himself that he was no longer going to speak up for the Lord, that he would be silent and not share His message, but when he tried to be quiet a fire started to burn within, and before long he couldn't keep the truth inside before it came rushing out.
- For Jeremiah in sharing what God had given to Him, that was part of his worship of Him, and it's the same for you and I, God has created us with certain personalities, traits, abilities and gifts, so that we can fulfill His will in our lives. For us not to do these things is to refuse to worship Him, and therefore we have decided to glorify ourselves instead of The Lord.
- Which is why Satan will use fear, intimidation, rejection, disapproval, in order to get us to side with those who'd rather us be silent and not worship our Lord by doing His will, but instead choose the approval of man over the praise of God.
- **Acts 5:27-29** tells of a situation where Peter and some of the Apostles had been arrested and threatened to stop speaking about Jesus and the resurrection. But they answered that it was better for them "**to obey God rather than man**". **Acts 5:34-42** so after some deliberation the council decided to just beat them and not kill them, telling them once again not to speak about the Lord. Notice the Apostles praised God, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer persecution for Jesus' Name sake, and they continued to preach.
- **2 Tim 1:7** says "we have not been given the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" we are all prone to experience fear, but fear should never dictate whether we will worship and serve our Lord or not. **Ps 100:1-5** we are told to make a joyful noise to The Lord, and to serve Him with gladness, this will allow us to enter into His presence with singing, understanding that He is God, and it is He Who made us, and not we ourselves.
- I love that verse because it simplifies exactly what we should be doing and why we should do it, as we should be praising the Lord, lifting up His Name, declaring that nothing can silence us from speaking the truth, and the reason is because He is God, and we are not, therefore I cannot and will not try and determine what is right in my life or anyone's else except for what God has said, for He is good and His mercy is everlasting Amen!