

A Faith that Prevails
Part 4
“The Clarion Call to Worship”

Roman 1

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, **they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him**, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** **They exchanged the truth about God for a lie**, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

I’ve been thinking on this all week...

1. **Vs. 18** “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people”

2. **Vs. 19** “...what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.”

3. **Vs. 21** “*For although they knew God*, **they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him...**”

4. **Vs. 24** “**Therefore God gave them over...**”

5. **Vs. 25** “**They exchanged the truth about God for a lie**”

Glorified: praise, extol, magnify, celebrate, to honor, to make glorious, clothe with splendor.

Thanks: to be grateful, feel thankful, give thanks

We were made to worship...

- If you want joy you have to shout for it...
- If you want joy sometimes you have to jump for it...
- If you want your countenance to change you have to lift your eyes

Psalm 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Psalm 3:3

But you, Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

6 Times in Exodus the Lord told Moses to say to Pharaoh “Let my people go, so they may worship me.”

Exodus 8

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.’”

God delivered the entire Nation of Israel from Egypt for one main reason:
That they would worship him...

Here’s what happened:

- They called out to God because of their burden of Slavery...
- God heard their cry and sent a Deliverer...
- God then Delivers them from Slavery...
- He Delivered them from the Armies of Egypt...

- He Delivered them through the Red Sea...
- He was a Cloud by Day and a Fire by Night...
- He feed them and provided for them Supernaturally...
- He was right there with them and their one main purpose in all of this is to? Worship God... And? Give Him Thanks

What did they do? They Grumbled

They failed to Glorify God and give Him Thanks...

Exodus 33

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ ² I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ³ Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” ¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

- God delivered Israel that they would worship him...
- Anything that got in the way of his people worshipping him, God dealt with...

Exodus 8

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. ² If you refuse to let them go, I will send a plague of frogs on your whole country. ³ The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.’”

Pharaoh here is a picture of anything that keeps you from Worshipping God.

God won't bless something that keeps you from Worshipping Him..

God will send a Plague on it...

The 10 Plagues that came on Egypt were because Pharaoh kept God's people from Worshipping Him...

10 Plagues:

Nile River turned to Blood - God was Disrupting Pharaoh

The Plague of Frogs

The Plague of Gnats - God was Frustrating Pharaoh

The Plague of Flies

The Plague on Livestock - (This was horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats.) God was removing what they needed today.

The Plague of Boils - Their Physical bodies were affected

The Plague of Hail

The Plague of Locusts - Their Future was affected

The Plague of Darkness

The Plague on the Firstborn - Their Families were affected

- **Pharaoh is a picture of anything that gets in the way of you Worshipping God.**

- God won't bless a Pharaoh in your life...
- Our number one purpose is to Worship GOD...

Revelation 22

6 Then he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he said to me, “*See that you do not do that.* For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**”

Psalm 145

1

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

2

Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

18

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

19

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

20

The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

21

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

Psalm 121

1

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

2

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

3

He will not let your foot slip—

he who watches over you will not slumber;
4
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5
The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
6
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
8
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Matthew 23:39

“For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”