

How To Worship A King – To Kiss the King – Part 3

Psa. 95:6 “Come let us **bow down** in worship, let us **kneel before** the Lord our Maker.”

Phil. 2: 9-11 “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow:**

- of those in heaven,
- and of those on earth,
- and of those under the earth,
- and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Generally speaking, we as Americans, have a very difficult time bowing to others.

The last king that tried to make Americans bow got his caboose kicked all the way back to England.

It’s not in our American culture to bow and it’s not in much of the church culture of America to bow – let’s face it; bowing cuts against the grain of our fallen natures.

- If you are physically challenged and cannot bow or kneel, that is another issue.
- But if we are physically able, we need to humble ourselves and honor the Lord with the outward demonstration of our inward love and worship.

But at some point: We are going to have to stop expecting God to submit His kingdom culture to our fallen culture.

He can’t and will not do that – He is The King of the Universe.

- The reason the we see so little of the power of God manifested today is because we are standing and relying on human doctrine and teachings of man.

- Much of the church expects God to submit Himself to our cherished opinions.

If we want to see His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven, we have to do things the way they are being done in Heaven.

In heaven, they are bowing, worshiping, singing, praising; there is no argument as to whether it's right or comfortable or religiously correct – **it's all Heavens culture.**

We can come up with all kinds of excuses:

- That's not my personality.
- We don't do that in this church, or the one I came from.
- I don't want to draw attention to myself.
- God knows my heart even if I'm not outward in my worship.
- That's just an emotional show.

I'm not trying to say that if you don't worship like this, you're not a true believer, or you're not as spiritual as other folks who do – but many who have never allowed themselves to enter into a worship lifestyle are cheating and robbing themselves of breakthroughs and praise and honor the Lord is worthy of.

Israel was so proud that God almost sent them off on their own:

Ex. 33:3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey. However, I will not go up in your midst, for you are stiff-necked people, and I might destroy you on the way.”

He was not going with them, yet would send them into the Promised Land.

Why- because He might destroy them because they were a stiff necked people.

- What would be the point of them going into the Promised Land yet without His presence with them?
- How can anywhere be a promised land without His presence?
- This should warn the body of Christ today – God can be willing to fulfill His promises to us even if it means not going with us into the promised land He has for us.

What is God's promise to you?

- **Healing** – do you want healing without His presence in your life.
- **Blessings** – financial, children, marriage- but do you want the blessings without His presence?
- **New church building or ministry-** but devoid of His presence?

Without God, there is no promised land!

Mark 5:2-7 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet Him. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of Him shouting at the top of his voice:

“What do you want with me, Jesus – Son of the Most High God?”

- It is not right that demons sometimes worship Him more than believers do.
- We would change the world if we worship as he did.

Here is a 40 Day Challenge for us at WOWC: May 22 – June 30

Spend the next 40 days starting your day off by rolling out of bed, get on your face before the Lord and ask:

“What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?”

- Let's do it – join with me and let's see how God will change our lives and the lives of everyone we come into contact with.
- Jesus can and will work through a humble and submitted heart.
- Use the insert in the bulleting as a guide during these 40 days.

It's a fact: the demoniac asked the right question in the right posture, and what was the answer he received?

Salvation – Freedom – Restoration – Healing – Wholeness – Sanity – Abundant Life.

1Peter 5:6 sums up the story of this man: “Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

He was a man who humbled himself so that God could lift him up.

This is also the story of Jesus on the Cross: which was the greatest act of worship in history.

- The greatest worshippers in the Bible were all people who were willing to humble themselves before God – to submit to His way instead of their way.

What is Worship?

1. **Jesus** defined it in the Garden of Gethsemane as He faced His death:
“Nevertheless, not My will, but yours be done.” Matt 26:39.
2. **John the baptizer** defined it when his ministry was shrinking and his disciples began to follow Jesus instead by saying: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30.
3. **Mary** defined it when God’s plan for her life meant she would face rejection from her community saying: “I am the Lord’s servant... May Your word to me be fulfilled.” Luke 1:38.

Worship is the posture of our hearts that informs every action of our lives.

It’s all inclusive of who we are and what we do.

It’s an attitude of love and submission that demands action!

The Perfect Worshipper

Luke 7:36-50

- With total disregard for the opinions of men & the religious system, she approached Jesus.
- Why, not sure. Jesus must have done something for her or she heard of His love.

- She was overwhelmed with gratitude – are you still overwhelmed with gratitude at what He has done for you? Or have you lost the sense of His greatness in your heart and have become cold towards Him?
- Seeing Jesus’ filthy feet [that Simon, the host, had failed to have washed], she bowed down and began to weep, allowing her tears to provide the needed water to wash these holy feet.
- She wept as she bowed and honored Him who was dishonored by the host.
- Hers tears streaked Jesus’ dirty feet.
- Then she did the unspeakable for a woman in public [unless she was of immoral character] she loosed her hair and used it as a dust rag to wipe the dirt and tears from His feet.
- 1Cor. 11:15- states that a woman’s hair is her glory.
- This woman was so thankful that she used her glory/hair as a rag to serve Jesus.
- IF ONLY WE COULD WORSHIP SO WELL.
- As she wiped His feet with her hair, she kissed them repeatedly, cherishing the feet of her Savior where others were dishonoring Him.
- She then took expensive oil, unstopped the bottle and poured it out on those mud streaked, dirty feet.
- **ALL OF IT** – didn’t’ save a drop for later or some other use - what an extravagance – what humility – what a demonstration of love – what a demonstration of value – what worship she gave Jesus that day.

Simon judged her worship as inappropriate, uncomfortable, way beyond what was necessary, excessive, out of order.

God is looking for such a bride for His Son – Jesus.

One who is not ashamed or afraid to worship Him **publically**, honoring Him and giving Him ALL the glory, credit and **worth ship** He is worthy of.

Psa. 116:12-14 “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.”

- Hearts once again ablaze with passion and gratitude for His love and sacrifice for us.