

SUBJECT: WORSHIP

1. Asaph addressing worshippers
2. In his capacity as a prophet of the Lord 1 Chronicles 25:1-2

CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD IN WORSHIP

1. Consciousness of God

- a) How conscious of God are we?
- b) What kind of consciousness of God do we have?

2. Desired Consciousness of God

- a) Who is God?
 - i) The Mighty One Psalm 50:1
 - ii) God the LORD Psalm 50:1
 - iii) God as Judge Psalm 50:6
 - iv) As a personal God Psalm 50:7
- b) God comes to His people
 - i) He comes from Zion Psalm 50:2
 - ii) He comes in shining glory Psalm 50:2
 - iii) He comes in awesome power Psalm 50:3
- c) God speaks to His people
 - i) He calls His people Psalm 50:1, 4
 - ii) He speaks Psalm 50:1
 - iii) He is not silent Psalm 50:3
 - iv) He judges His people Psalm 50:4

3. Desired Consciousness of being His people

- a) My saints Psalm 50:5
- b) By covenant Psalm 50:5
- c) My people Psalm 50:7

SUBJECT: FORMAL WORSHIP

1. Prescribed worship (from the time of Moses)

- a) Led by the High Priest and other priests
- b) Assisted by the Levites (Cf. Exodus, Leviticus)

2. Special feature

- a) Burnt offerings Psalm 50:8
- b) Representatively mentioned

3. Worship offered to God

- a) Burnt offerings presented continually Psalm 50:8
- b) Mistaken notions
 - i) God was pleased with formal worship
 - ii) God was being "fed" through animal sacrifices

4. Underlying problems

- a) A wrong idea of worship had persisted
- b) This had not been effectively addressed
- c) This had not been corrected

5. Addressing wrong ideas/ concepts

- a) Wrong worship must be corrected
- b) Wrong ideas must be put away

6. What is God looking for in worship?

- a) Offer to God thanksgiving Psalm 50:14
- b) Pay your vows to the Most High Psalm 50:14
- c) Call upon Me in the day of trouble Psalm 50:15
- d) I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me Psalm 50:15

THE WORSHIP THAT GOD DELIGHTS IN

1. Offer to God thanksgiving

- a) Thanksgiving
- b) From the soul Psalm 103:1-2

c) Gratitude

i) Do we have a sense of gratitude when we offer worship?

ii) Is our heart and soul in our worship?

2. Pay your vows to the Most High

a) Have we made promises to God?

b) Have we kept our promises to Him?

c) Have we fulfilled our vows?

3. Call upon Me in the day of trouble?

a) How do we seek God when we are in trouble?

b) How do we worship Him in those troubled times?

c) Note how the heart no longer worships with the same fervour when we are not in trouble!

4. I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me

a) Do we believe in God's deliverance?

b) Do we seek to glorify God after He has delivered us?

WONDERFUL MOMENTS OF WORSHIP

1. Noah's worship (as an example) Genesis 8:20-22

2. Elements of His worship

a) Thanksgiving

b) Heartfelt gratitude

c) Glorifying God

3. Worship that results in God's blessings

a) Extensive blessing

i) Noah and family

ii) The whole earth

b) Lasting blessings

i) Beginning from Noah

ii) Till today

ADDRESSING THE WICKED

1. Who are the Wicked?

- a) The obviously wicked Psalm 14
- b) The not-so obvious wicked Psalm 50:16

2. These are worshippers

- a) My saints Psalm 50:5
- b) My people Psalm 50:7

3. Questioning the activities of these people

- a) What right do you have to declare My statutes Psalm 50:16
- b) Or take My covenant in your mouth Psalm 50:16
- c) The attitude of these worshippers
 - i) But you hate instruction (correction) Psalm 50:17
 - ii) And cast My words behind you Psalm 50:17
 - iii) Consenting to evil Psalm 50:18
 - iv) Mouth given to evil/ deceit Psalm 50:19
 - v) Speaking against the brethren Psalm 50:20
 - vi) You who forget God Psalm 50:22

4. Understanding the Silence of God

- a) I have kept silent Psalm 50:21
 - i) There was no need for God to speak
 - ii) The wrong should have been obvious
- b) I will rebuke you Psalm 50:21
 - i) God now speaks
 - ii) But it is in rebuke
- c) Set them in order Psalm 50:21
 - i) Candidly
 - ii) Clearly

5. A solemn word of admonition

- a) Lest I tear you to pieces Psalm 50:22
- b) None to deliver Psalm 50:22

6. A word of Encouragement and hope

- a) Whoever offers praise glorifies Me Psalm 50:23
- b) He who orders his life aright will be shown the salvation of God Psalm 50:23