

Getting To Know God

PART 14 - WHO WILL GOD ACCEPT PRAISE & GLORY FROM? THEN HOW DO WE EMPOWER OUR PRAISE TO GIVE GOD GLORY?

Psalms 86:10-13 “For you are great, and do wondrous things. You are God alone. (11) Teach me your way, Yahweh. I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided to fear your name. [THEN] (12) I will praise you, Lord my God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever more. (13) For your loving kindness is great toward me. You have delivered my soul from the lowest Hell.”

We have learned the creative power of Praise. When we praise, we are creating a throne in the physical realm and spiritual realm on the earth for God to reside. We have learned that giving God glory actually prevents the destruction of creation. Now we need to understand who God will actually accept “Praise and Glory” from. God is not hopelessly standing by for any whimper of praise from His creation. No, He is intently looking for those whose hearts are attuned to His will and desire Him above all else.

2 Chronicles 16:9a “For Yahweh’s eyes run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him....”

That being said, there is a spiritual drought in the land; there are not many who seek after God with their whole heart.

Ezekiel 22:30 “I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.”

Now at the end of time, the remnant of God’s people remain, those who respond to His grace and mercy and act of salvation. They respond in devotion, commitment, obedience, and love. Those are who He joyfully receives Praise and Glory from.

Romans 11:2-5 “God didn’t reject his people, which he foreknew. Or don’t you know what the Scripture says about Elijah? How he pleads with God against Israel: (3) “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have broken down your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.” (4) But how does God answer him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” (5) Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”

GOD DOES NOT LISTEN TO EVERY VOICE THAT CALLS OUT TO HIM.

John 9:31 "We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God, and does his will, he listens to him."

John 9:31 Was Referencing The Following Bible Verse:

Psalms 34:15-22 "Yahweh's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry. (16) Yahweh's face is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth. (17) The righteous cry, and Yahweh hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. (18) Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit. (19) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but Yahweh delivers him out of them all. (20) He protects all of his bones. Not one of them is broken. (21) Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. (22) Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned."

Isaiah 59:1-2 "Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; nor his ear dull, that it can't hear. (2) But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." ***Read All Of Isaiah 59:1-21***

THOSE WHO DO GOD'S WILL, HE WILL HEAR AND ACCEPT THEIR PRAISE AND GLORY.

Matthew 21:28-31 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' (29) He answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind, and went. (30) He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, 'I'm going, sir,' but he didn't go. (31) Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into God's Kingdom before you."

THOSE WHO DO NOT DO WHAT GOD REQUIRES WILL BE PUNISHED.

Luke 12:47 "That servant, who knew his lord's will, and didn't prepare, nor do what he wanted, will be beaten with many stripes,"

IT NOT THE NAME YOU CLAIM, IT THE VOICE YOU OBEY THAT MATTERS.

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (22) Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' (23) Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'"

Matthew 15:7-9 Jesus Says "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, (8) "This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. (9) But in vain they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Luke 9:26 “For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed, when he comes in his glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.”

THOSE WHO OBEY GOD AND BEAR FRUIT ARE THOSE WHO GLORIFY GOD.

John 15:8-10 “In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples. (9) Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. (10) If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and remain in his love.”

REPENTANCE IS THE TRUE SIGN OF BELIEF AND THE WAY WE GLORIFY GOD.

Matthew 21:32 “For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn’t even repent afterward, that you might believe him.”

John 3:36 “One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys the Son won’t see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” **Belief = Obedience**

Revelation 16:9 “People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They didn’t repent and give him glory.”

How Do We Empower Our Praise?

Do It With Faith -

Hebrews 11:6 “Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.”

James 2:19-20 “You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. (20) But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?”

Revelation 14:12-13 “Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (13) I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.”

Do It With Obedience -

I John 2:1-6 “My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have a Counselor with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. (2) And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. (3) This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. (4) One who says, “I know him,” and doesn’t keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth isn’t in him. (5) But whoever keeps his word, God’s love has most certainly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him: (6) he who says he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked.”

John 8:31-32 “Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. (32) You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Psalms 24:3-5 “Who may ascend to Yahweh’s hill? Who may stand in his holy place? (4) He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive a blessing from Yahweh, righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

Do It With Love For God & Man -

I Corinthians 13:1-3+13 “If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don’t have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. (2) If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don’t have love, I am nothing. (3) If I give away all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don’t have love, it profits me nothing. (13) But now faith, hope, and love remain—these three. The greatest of these is love.”

I John 5:2-3 “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. (3) For this is loving God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous.”

John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also love one another. (35) By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Galatians 6:2 “Carry one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Luke 6:27-36 “But I tell you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. (29) To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other; and from him who takes away your cloak, don’t withhold your coat also. (30) Give to everyone who asks you, and don’t ask him who takes away your goods to give them back again. (31) “As you would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them. (32) If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. (33) If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. (34) If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much. (35) But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. (36) “Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.”

Do It With Personal Sacrifice -

John 15:12-13 “This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. (13) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Luke 14:25-27+33 “Now great multitudes were going with him. He turned and said to them, (26) “If anyone comes to me, and doesn’t disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can’t be my disciple. (27) Whoever doesn’t bear his own cross, and come after me, can’t be my disciple. (33) So therefore whoever of you who doesn’t renounce all that he has, he can’t be my disciple.”

Luke 9:23-25 “ He said to all, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (24) For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, the same will save it. (25) For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits his own self?”

Do It With Walking in Spirit & Truth -

Romans 8:6-9 “For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; (7) because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God’s law, neither indeed can it be. (8) Those who are in the flesh can’t please God. (9) But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his.”

John 4:23-24 “But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. (24) God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1 John 5:6 “This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.”

Psalms 145:18-21 “Yahweh is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (19) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. (20) Yahweh preserves all those who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. (21) My mouth will speak the praise of Yahweh. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Or don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Do It With Service In The Gospel -

Matthew 28:16-20 “But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent them. (17) When they saw him, they bowed down to him, but some doubted. (18) Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 “I command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his Kingdom: (2) preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching.”

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 “Because the service of this ministry is not only providing for the needs of the saints but is also overflowing with many thanks to God. (13) Through the evidence of this service they will glorify God because of your obedience to your confession in the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone.”

Matthew 10:32-33 “Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. (33) But whoever denies me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

2 Timothy 2:10-12 “Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones’ sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (11) This saying is trustworthy: “For if we died with him, we will also live with him. (12) If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.”

1 John 4:12-15 “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (14) We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. (15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God.”

Let's Compare The Following Verses:

Exhibit A: John 14:11-14 “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works themselves. (12) Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes on Me, the works that I do he shall do also, and greater works than these he shall do, because I go to My Father. (13) And whatever you may ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

Exhibit B: John 9:31 “We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God, and does his will, he listens to him.”

Exhibit C: John 16:26-27 “At that time you will ask in my name, and I do not say that I will ask the Father on your behalf. (27) For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.”

AS WE CAN CLEARLY SEE, IT IS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD WITH OBEDIENT FAITHFUL SACRIFICE THAT BRING HIM PRAISE AND GLORY. IT IS THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THE FREE GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS WITH AN ETERNAL COMMITMENT TO LEARN OF GOD AND DO THINGS HIS WAY. THESE BEINGS ARE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF GOD AND THE TEMPLE OF GOD. GOD WILL LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE AND RESPOND TO THEIR LOVE FOR HIM. SO, LET'S EMPOWER OUR PRAISE AND BE PART OF THE HEAVENLY THRONG THAT EXALTS OUR FATHER GOD UP IN THE HIGHEST.