

Ephesians Series

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Understanding Worship
Ephesians 5:18–21; Isaiah 6:1–4



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Results of being filled by the Spirit:

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Results of the Word dwelling richly:

Col 3:16b, “... teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Col. 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

What are Our Assumptions?

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired [“breathed out”] Word of God.

a. The Bible is our ultimate authority. The Bible has a unique authority. The Bible is infallible and in the original manuscripts inerrant.

b. The Bible is sufficient. The Bible alone informs us how to think about all of the issues of life, which includes worship and music.

What are Our Assumptions?

- 2. The Bible provides numerous examples of worship which is accepted and approved by God, and worship that is unacceptable and is rejected by God.**
 - a. Frequently, the standards by which the worship is accepted and rejected have not been revealed to us, to that point, but they were known.**
 - b. God always condemned worship which was unauthorized and some of it involved immediate death.**

What are Our Assumptions?

3. The biblical emphasis limits the authority of church leaders to introduce into corporate worship only what God's Word allows.

We either let God define for us what worship is, or we impose our own ideas on it, and then adjust our services to conform to what we think is worship.

Isa. 6:1, “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isa. 6:2, “Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.”

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Uzziah died *ca.* 742 BC: He was one of the very best of the kings of Judah.

A time of political uncertainty.

Isa. 6:3, “And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”

קָדוֹשׁ *qadosh* masc sing abs holy, unique, distinct, one of a kind, set apart

כְּבוֹד *kavod* comm masc sing constr heavy, weighty, important, also liver

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**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**The Immensity
of God**



2 Chron. 6:18, “But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”

Immensity means that God is not confined or restricted by any physical limitations. Neither is He confined by any of our limited concepts of Him.

“This incomprehensible attribute of the pure and absolute Divine essence is the ground of His omnipresence.”

~William Pope, *A Compendium of Christian Theology*, (1877)

What the Bible Teaches About

The Holiness of God



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Rev. 4:8, “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’ ”

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Isa. 44:6, “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

Isa. 44:7, “ ‘And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them.

Isa. 44:8, “ ‘Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.’ ”

**God is Unique: no one, no thing, no angel, spirit, false god,
is like *Yhwh***

**Ex. 15:11, “Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises,
doing wonders?”**

**Isa. 40:25, “ ‘To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom
shall I be equal?’ says the Holy One.”**

**Isa. 43:15, “ ‘I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of
Israel, your King.’ ”**

Ex. 9:14, “for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.”

Deut. 4:39, “Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.”

Psa. 86:8, “Among the gods [*elohim* for angels] there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.”

Isa. 45:18, “For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other.’”

Isa. 45:21, “Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me.”

Examples of Worship

Gen. 3:8, “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen. 3:9, “Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’

Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”

Job 40:3, “Then Job answered the LORD and said:

Job 40:4, “ ‘Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

Job 40:5, “ ‘Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.’ ”

Job 42:1, “Then Job answered the LORD and said:

Job 42:2, “ ‘I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

Job 42:3, “ ‘You asked, “Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

Job 42:4, “ ‘Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, “I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

Job 42:5, “ ‘I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.

Job 42:6, “ ‘Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’ ”

Gen. 28:16, “Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.’

Gen. 28:17, “And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!’ ”

At Sinai

Ex. 19:10, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.

Ex. 19:11, “ ‘And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

Ex. 19:12, “ ‘You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, “Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

Ex. 19:13, “ ‘ “Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.” When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.’ ”

Ex. 24:1, “Now He said to Moses, ‘Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.’ ”

Ex. 24:9, “Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

Ex. 24:10, “and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

Ex. 24:11, “But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.”