

Why Praise? Why Worship?

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Text: Psalm 61:1-8

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Introduction

Master the basics - Before you become a master (of anything), you need to master its basics.

"Basics are not sexy but basics are important!" – Jeff Chong

- Worship is expressing our love to God.

· *Matthew 22:3-8*

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

1. Get to experience the reality of God's presence (v1-2,4)

1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Selah

- Rock refers to God. (v2)

- Praise and worship is not manipulation but for facilitation of the presence of God.

· *1 Samuel 16:23*

"Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him."

- When we feel far we need to (all the more) worship God but the true fact is God is always near.

2. I get elevated above the realms of my problems (v2b,3)

2b and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Selah

3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

· Isaiah 55:9

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- Mouse in a Maze example: "We need to be lifted up above our own perspective"



- Magnifying Glass example: (Be Magnified by Don Moen)

BE MAGNIFIED

*I have made you too small, in my eyes
O Lord, forgive me
And I have believed in a lie
That you were unable to help me.
But now O Lord, I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show yourself strong
And in my eyes, and with my song
O Lord, be magnified
O Lord, be magnified.*

Chorus

*Be magnified O lord,
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing you can't do
O Lord, my eyes are on you, be magnified,
O lord be magnified, O Lord be magnified
2

*Repeat chorus, then end with
O Lord be magnified * 4*

- Problem
- God
- Magnifying Glass

- It is our choice where we want to place our magnifying glass on. Place it on our problems or God?

· Acts 16:25-26

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose."

3. I get energized by God's promises (v5- 8)

5 For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

6 Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.

7 May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.

8 Then will I ever sing praise to your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

· Exodus 20:6

"but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments."

· Psalm 34:9

"Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing."

- The Word and Worship goes hand in hand – We need to know the Word so that through the Word we can worship God.

"There's no Christian music, there's only Christian lyrics"– Rick Warren