

What Am I Here For? Part 2

Series: 40 Days of Purpose—Worship

Psalms 138:1-3

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. NIV

1. Sing with Whole-Hearted Praise

v. 1 "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the 'gods' I will sing your praise."

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." NASU

"We need a broken heart to mourn our own sins, but a whole heart to praise the Lord's perfections."

C. H. Spurgeon

- We offer our praise to God with our whole heart.
- Our worship comes with an attitude of gratitude.
- Half-hearted praise is an insult to God.

2. Praise God's Attributes

v. 2a "I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness..."

Psalm 86:15 "But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." NIV

- We praise God for His great love for us.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." NIV

- We praise God for His great faithfulness toward us.

Lamentations 3:22-23 "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." NIV

Isaiah 38:19 "The living, the living--they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness." NIV

3. Reverence His Name and His Word

v. 2b . . . "for you have exalted above all things your name and your word"

- The name of the Lord is above all other names.

Psalm 113:2 "Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore." NIV

- We honor the Word of the Lord. How?
 - i. Reading it.
 - ii. Meditation on it.
 - iii. Memorizing it.
 - iv. Obeying it.

4. Remember the Power of Prayer

v. 3 "When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted."

Matthew 21:22 "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." NIV

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." NIV

"No man doubts the power of prayer after he has received an answer of peace to his supplications." C. H. Spurgeon

- We worship God because He is available to us.
- We worship God because He hears our prayers.
- We worship God because He answers our prayers.

Remember: God is not here just to meet all our needs; we are here to worship God.