

Sunday School Lesson for the month of August 2018

What will Worship do for me?

(Psalms 73:1-28)

Sunday, August 5, 2018

The writer of Psalms 73 had discovered the benefits of worship. The Psalmist was caught in the circumstances of life. Doubt filled his mind. He was concerned about the prosperity of the unrighteous and the suffering of the righteous. He wondered how a good God could allow evil to go unchecked and good unrewarded.

The only help the Psalmist received was to go to the sanctuary of God. "Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end" [vs.17]. Every disciple of Christ should know the importance of worship. Psalms 73, teaches us the benefits of worship.

I. Worship will help us with our Christian discipleship perspective!

- A. While observing life about him, the psalmist's vision of life became quite distorted. He was particularly troubled over the prosperity of the wicked. He shared his perspective in Psalms 73:3-14:
1. He thought that the wicked were exempt from physical maladies (vs. 4-5)
 2. He took special notice of the pride of the wicked (vs. 6-9)
 3. He was distressed because of the popularity of the wicked (vs. 10)
 4. He became dismayed over the wicked person's contempt for God (vs. 11)
 5. He was puzzled over the material prosperity of the wicked (vs. 12)
 6. He was disturbed about the seeming inequities of life (vs. 13-14)

Today, becoming absorbed in the media's accounts of world events can lead to a distorted Christian perspective.

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- B. When the Psalmist went to the sanctuary of God, he gained a new perspective. His visit to the sanctuary made the difference. Look at the psalmist's new perspective.
1. He saw that the rich were not in impregnable positions (vs. 18)
 2. He saw that the destruction of material things was inevitable (vs. 18-19)
 3. He compared the wicked to a fantasy (vs. 20)

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II. Worship will help us strengthen the Inner Person.

The Psalmist was a troubled man. Invariably, he was turbulent and possessed great fears. He doubted the goodness and justice of God. Furthermore, the first part of Psalms 73 gives the picture of a person in a severe case of depression. Many people are troubled inside. They search for rest and tranquility.

Worship will help strengthen the inner person. Until this Psalmist went to the sanctuary of God, he was a troubled man. But when he went to the sanctuary of God, he was strengthened within.

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III. Worship will lead to a Christian discipleship task.

The Psalmist was not content to gain a new perspective and to be strengthened in the inner person. Worship should lead to service. He wanted to serve the Lord. He said, "That I may declare all thy works" (vs. 28). Once a person came to a church service just as the congregation was about to be dismissed. The person asked the ushers, "Is the service over?" The Usher replied, "the worship is over, but the service is about to begin."

Worship has immeasurable benefits. Listen to the Psalmist and learn of his benefits. Ask others who worship weekly how worthwhile it is. Best of all, come to the sanctuary of God and encounter God's presence weekly.