

You Are Good; Psalm 100:1-5

I. We Worship You

a. What is worship?

b. Luke 4:8 (ESV); And Jesus answered him, "It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

c. This text has two different Greek words for worship

i. To express in attitude or gesture one's complete dependence on or submission to a high authority figure, (*fall down and) worship, do obeisance to, prostrate oneself before, do reverence to, welcome respectfully*¹ - Blow kisses towards

1. This involves an attitude adjustment on our part

2. One of humility

a. Genesis 11:1–8 (ESV) ¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

b. God wasn't upset at them for building a tower

c. "with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves"

d. They were competing with God

e. I'm sure the flood was fresh in their minds

3. One of dependence

a. We are an independent people

¹ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 882.

- b. We are a country built on freedoms with a government that was designed around keeping our freedoms
 - c. “Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” – God does not guarantee any of these
 - d. Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
 - e. Psalm 23:1 (ESV) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 - f. I need God
4. One of submission
- a. Another very hard concept for us to learn (and perfect)
 - b. We have fought tyranny, depots, socialism, communism
 - c. We are arguably the most powerful and influential nation
 - d. We don’t submit to anyone!
 - e. Ephesians 5:18–21 (ESV) ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
 - f. Submitting to God (and others) is key to our Christian lives
 - g. Putting others before ourselves is the love that God wants us to show to others
- ii. *Serve*, the carrying out of religious duties²
- 1. Our Sunday morning service is worship, but worship is so much more than just Sunday morning
 - 2. Worship is service – “Lord, make me a servant”
 - 3. Romans 12:1 (ESV) ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
 - 4. The idea of sacrifice was well known both in the Israelite and Gentile nations
 - a. The Israelites sacrifice many animals under the law of Moses
 - b. The Gentiles sacrificed babies to Molech (Chemosh), food offerings (sacrifices) to idols, etc.
 - 5. ‘Living’ and ‘sacrifice’ are polar opposites – something that has been sacrificed is no longer living

² William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 587.

6. So, Paul's idea is for us to sacrifice our lives (stop living for ourselves) and be servants of God (start living for God)
7. 1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV) ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
8. The Greek word for servant means 'slave'
9. The word was synonymous with slave and servant, having the same meaning
10. Today, we carefully distinguish between the two words because of our history
11. But, Biblically speaking, we are slaves of God – not the "I want to escape this oppression" kind of slave, but the "I love my Master and want to stay in His house forever" kind of slave
12. Deuteronomy 15:12–17 (ESV) ¹² "If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. ¹³ And when you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty-handed. ¹⁴ You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress. As the LORD your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today. ¹⁶ But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you, ¹⁷ then you shall take an awl, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same.
13. Philippians 2:5–7 (ESV) ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

d. We worship God (fall down prostrate before Him, blow kisses to Him, we are His servant) because He is good

II. God Is Good

- a. Psalm 100 (ESV) A PSALM FOR GIVING THANKS. ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
- b. We agree to be His servants (slaves) because of His steadfast love

- i. I remember making clay ashtrays, cups, and bowls when I was young
 - ii. Over and over, I would look at the finished product and then smash it all back into one lump of clay and start over because it was horrible
 - iii. We tend to throw away things that are broken
 - iv. Sometimes that thought process extends to human beings as well – the first pancake of the griddle is always the throw away pancake
 - v. I'm so glad that God did not throw us away knowing we are broken – but instead provided a sacrifice, covering us with the blood of His Son, Jesus
 - vi. 1 John 2:2 (ESV) ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
 - vii. John 3:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 - viii. God’s love for us is so steadfast He did not throw us away and start over, but made a way for the broken (us) to become perfect (complete)
- c. We agree to be His servants (slaves) because of His faithfulness
- i. Matthew 26:53–54 (ESV) ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”
 - ii. At any time, God could have thrown in the towel, He could have given up on us
 - iii. It got so bad at one point that he flooded the earth and only 8 people survived – But He let 8 people survive!
 - iv. Hebrews 6:13–20 (ESV) ¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.
- d. We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19)

III. Worship God

- a. Fall prostrate before Him
- b. Blow kisses to Him
- c. Be His slave
- d. God is love, God is faithful
- e. God is good!

