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Chapter 1

Introduction

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WORSHIP GOD?

“Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength” (1 Chronicles 16:28).

God’s signature in nature is meant to capture our attention and motivate us to venture into a worshipping adventure.

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Secret Number One:

WE WERE CREATED TO HAVE A FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

“From one man he [God] made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so

that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' ... 'We are his offspring'" (Acts 17:26-28).

It is not the 'season' in which we find ourselves but the reason for which we were created that ought to inspire our worship. The seasons change, the reason is constant.

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GOD IS SEEKING WORSHIPPERS

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth”(John 4:23-24).

If you are 'employed' as an apostle or prophet or evangelist or pastor or teacher, etc. it is certain that you're a 'temporary employee'.... If, on the other hand, you are employed as a worshipper, you are on a permanent appointment. Seek a job as a worshipper and you are hired—immediately and permanently. The only condition: You must be "qualified".

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SEEK GOD DILIGENTLY

“... he who comes to God must believe that He is... a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”.

—Hebrews 11:6.

Did you know that God wants you to seek Him as you would gasp for air if it were to be held out of your reach?

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“Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!” (Psalm 32:11).

Did you know that clinging to the joy of the Lord even at the most trying moment is a powerful weapon against depression and despair? And did you equally know that exercising the joy of the Lord is in itself an act of worship?

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“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ...” (Titus 2:11-12).

The sufficiency of the grace is not a licence to licentiousness. Rather, in view of its pricelessness, the grace is freely given in order to facilitate temperance.

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“He who sacrifices thank offerings honours me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God” (Psalm 50:23).

If you can't worship God in problems then you have a big problem. It is 'easier' to call on God in difficulties than it is to sing Him praises in comfort. Did you know that thanks offering is a sacrifice if it 'costs' us something—that is, if we 'struggle' to give it?

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(Zechariah 4:10).

Make yourself easy to impress; appreciate the ‘little favours’ and jump for joy over them. You will realise, sooner or later, that the favours were not little after all. Did you know that worshipping God for the little favours is the sure way to forestall one of the most depraved characters of man, namely, the endless sensual craving for more? And did you know that insatiable sensual craving is a very powerful invalidating agent regarding enthusiasm in worship?

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“Christians are like coals of fire—together, they glow; apart, they grow cold” (Our Daily Bread, 06-13-2004).

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“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39).

Keeping a record of what God has done for you or your lineage can help you hold on at a time of trial and resist temptation at a time of success—temptation to ride on the wings of pride. Did you know that what God did for your parents and great grandparents, He did also for you? And did you equally know that what He did for you is also counted on your children and their descendants?

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“The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant” (Psalm 25:14—NKJV).

However much God befriends us, our relationship with Him is not that of a pal and a buddy. Did you know that a hollow mention and invoking of the Deity doesn't hallow God? Did you know that irreverent chipping in of God's name into exclamatory contexts in

conversations is a sure way to prevent Him from overwhelming you with His reverence? Did you know that the more God overwhelms you with His reverence, the more you will experience a more fulfilling fellowship with Him?

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START WORSHIPPING TODAY—NOW!

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD” (Psalm 150:6).

“Let your thoughts be psalms, your prayers incense, and your breath praise” (Charles H. Spurgeon: 1834-1892). Did you know that you don’t have to wait for a ‘formal worshipping forum’ to exude a worshipping fragrance before God?

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