

PRAYER IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? Ex. 15:11

It may be overstating the obvious that our daily encounters with the Lord be “acts of worship”, but it bears repeating, and remembering. The entire context of our time in prayer flows out of our awareness and understanding of the One with whom we’re in conversation. If our view of the Lord is limited, i.e. God is here simply to meet my needs, then our prayers will reflect that. If our view of the Lord is more expansive, that is with an appreciation of His greatness that overflows naturally into worship, then our prayers will take on an entirely different quality and purpose... worshiping Him in the splendor of holiness.

I’m reminded of the Samaritan woman at the well in John Chapter 4. As Jesus spoke with her and revealed her own heart through their conversation, the woman turned to talk of religious things. But when the Lord revealed Himself as the Messiah, and as He expressed truths about her life that an ordinary stranger wouldn’t know, she began to see GOD as He truly is. A God of love and justice, truth and grace, condemning sin but offering salvation to sinners. This dawning in her spirit~ finally realizing whom she was speaking to~ caused her to leave her bucket at the well, run back to town, and boldly share what she had discovered of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah. Notice that her immediate reaction to this revelation wasn’t to make this encounter about herself~ her needs, wishes, regrets and desires~ but was a holy boldness born out of thankfulness for the grace she had found in Him.

Are we similarly changed in our daily encounters with Him? Certainly, the Lord expects us to “ask, seek and knock” in our times with Him. But like a loving father that simply enjoys spending time with his child, both listening and being heard, both embracing and being embraced, so our Heavenly Father is inviting us into His presence to know and do the same.

He’s knocking at the door of your heart this morning. May your joy be full as you answer the door and respond to His invitation to know sweet fellowship at His feet. The God of the Universe delights in you and has made you for this moment.

PRAYER: Lord, how glorious you are! How holy and awesome! Your lovingkindness is better than life! You cause my lips to praise You, for You’ve created me for praise. Fill me up with Your Spirit, like bellows to a flame, igniting a deeper passion in my heart for you Jesus, my Great Redeemer. I will make intercession... I will make supplication for my and others needs... but for now, my joy is simply to enjoy You, and find my satisfaction in You, my Lord and my God. Blessed be Your holy Name!