

Ephesians Series

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**Worshiping God:
Enlarging Our View of God
Ephesians 5:18–21; 2 Chronicles 6:18**



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Results of being filled by the Spirit:

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Results of the Word dwelling richly:

Col 3:16b, “... teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Col. 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

What are Our Assumptions?

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired [“breathed out”] Word of God.

a. The Bible is our ultimate authority. The Bible has a unique authority. The Bible is infallible and in the original manuscripts inerrant.

b. The Bible is sufficient. The Bible alone informs us how to think about all of the issues of life, which includes worship and music.

What are Our Assumptions?

- 2. The Bible provides numerous examples of worship which is accepted and approved by God, and worship that is unacceptable and is rejected by God.**
 - a. Frequently, the standards by which the worship is accepted and rejected have not been revealed to us, to that point, but they were known.**
 - b. God always condemned worship which was unauthorized and some of it involved immediate death.**

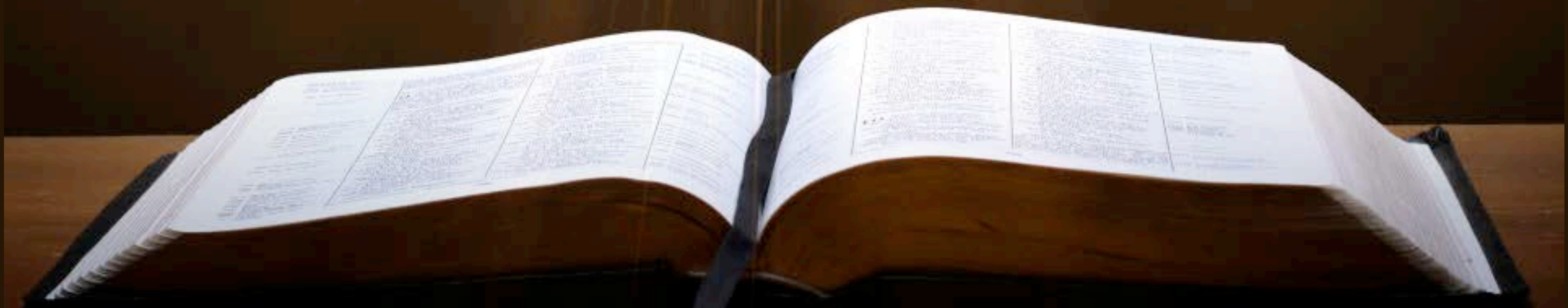
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3. The biblical emphasis limits the authority of church leaders to introduce into corporate worship only what God's Word allows.

We either let God define for us what worship is, or we impose our own ideas on it, and then adjust our services to conform to what we think is worship.

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**The Immensity
of God**



2 Chron. 6:18, “But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”

“God is above all things, beneath all things, outside of all things and inside of all things. God is above, but He’s not pushed up. He’s beneath, but He’s not pressed down. He’s outside, but He’s not excluded. He’s inside, but He’s not confined. God is above all things presiding, beneath all things sustaining, outside of all things embracing and inside of all things filling. That is the immanence of God.”

~A. W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God*

Immensity means that God is not confined or restricted by any physical limitations. Neither is He confined by any of our limited concepts of Him.

“When it is said that *Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee*, (2 Chron. 6:18) a formula is used which expresses the universal thought of revelation and precisely defines the supremacy of the Eternal Spirit over all conditions of space. It is not that He fills immensity with His presence: He is the only Immensity, all things created being measurable and limited. The universe cannot contain Him: not because His essence stretches beyond the confines of created things, but because His eternal Spirit transcends and is inconsistent with all notions of space. Space is born out of His immensity, as time out of His eternity: but none can declare the generation of either.”

~William Pope, *A Compendium of Christian Theology* (1877)

“This incomprehensible attribute of the pure and absolute Divine essence is the ground of His omnipresence”

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Isa. 40:12, “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?”

Isa. 40:15, “Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.”

Isa. 40:17, “All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.”

“The infinite God that is every where, comprehending all places and things, and comprehended by none, must raise admiring, reverent thoughts in the soul of the believer. We wonder at the magnitude of the sun, and the heavens, and the whole creation; but when we begin to think what is beyond the heavens, and all created being, we are at a kind of loss. Why it is God that is in all, and above all, and beyond all, and beneath all; and where there is no place, because no creature, there is God: and if your thoughts should imagine millions of millions of miles beyond all place and measure, all is but God; and go as far as you can in your thoughts and you cannot go beyond him,”

~Richard Baxter, *The Divine Life*

**Jer. 23:23, “ ‘Am I a God near at hand,’ says the LORD,
‘And not a God afar off?’**

**Jer. 23:24, “ ‘Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I
shall not see him?’ says the LORD; ‘Do I not fill heaven and
earth?’ says the LORD.”**

Eph. 3:17, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph. 3:18, “may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

Eph. 3:19, “to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Acts 17:28, “because in Him we live and move and have our being”

Psa. 139:7, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”

**Psa. 16:8, “I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.”**

What the Bible Teaches About

The Holiness of God



Isa. 6:3, “And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”

Rev. 4:8, “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’ ”

ESSENCE OF GOD

Holy

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

Isa. 44:6, “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

Isa. 44:7, “ ‘And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them.

Isa. 44:8, “ ‘Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.’ ”

What does “holy” mean?

qodesh קֹדֶשׁ *qodesh* Noun: holy. Used 469 ✕ in Pentateuch

qaddesh קָדַשׁ *qadash* Verb: to consecrate, to set apart, to make holy. 171 ✕ in Pentateuch

מִקְדָּוֶשׁ *miqdosh* Noun: sanctuary, holy place, tabernacle. 75 ✕ in Pentateuch

קָדוֹשׁ *qādôš* Adjective. 36 ✕ in Pentateuch

קַדְּשָׁה (qādēš) Noun: male temple prostitute (Deut. 23:17;
2 Kings 23:7)

Deut. 23:17, “There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel.”

Septuagint (LXX) πόρνη *pornē* fem sing nom (comm) (f).
Prostitute, a temple or ritual prostitute

qedeshah 1-קַדְּשָׁה *qadesh-1* Adjective fem sing abs. Cult prostitute

2 Kings 23:7, “Then he tore down the ritual booths of the perverted persons that were in the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image.”
καδησιμ *kadēsīm* Noun masc plur gen (comm) (Heb) male shrine prostitutes

***qedeshim* 1 קְדֵשִׁים *qadesh-1* Adjective masc plur abs. Cult prostitute**

These words are always used in a ritual application, that which is set apart to the service of a deity.

Inanimate things, articles in the Temple, are set apart to the service of God

Ex. 29:21, “And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be set apart, and his sons and his sons’ garments with him.”

Ex. 29:37, “Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy.”

Ex. 30:29, “You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.”

The opposite is the idea of the common or profane

חָלַל-1 chalal-1 to profane

Lev. 21:4, “Otherwise he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.”

Lev. 21:6, “They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy.”

Lev. 21:12, “nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.”

Psa. 22:3, “But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.”

Isa. 57:15, “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place,’ ”

**God is unique: no one, no thing, no angel, spirit, false god,
is like *YHWH***

**Ex. 15:11, “Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises,
doing wonders?”**

**Isa. 40:25, “ ‘To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom
shall I be equal?’ says the Holy One.”**

**Isa. 43:15, “ ‘I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of
Israel, your King.’ ”**

Ex. 9:14, “ ‘for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.’ ”

Deut. 4:39, “Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.”

Psa. 86:8, “Among the gods [*elohim* for angels] there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.”

Isa. 45:5, “ ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

Isa. 45:6, “ ‘That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;’ ”

Isa. 45:18, “For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other.’ ”

Isa. 45:21, “ ‘Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me.’ ”

Jer. 10:6, “Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD (You are great, and Your name is great in might),

Jer. 10:7, “Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You.”

Isa. 43:11, “ ‘I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.’ ”

2 Cor. 4:16, “Therefore we are not discouraged. Even though our outer body is perishing, yet the inner spirit is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 4:17, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

2 Cor. 4:18, “while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

2 Cor. 3:18, “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”