

Face Down
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A Study of Psalm 95:6-7

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the
LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people
of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

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Note: Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise noted.

Lesson One

Created to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship (Psalm 95:6a).

What is the first image that comes to mind when you hear the word worship? Is it a picture of your routine on Sunday mornings? Remembering your daily quiet time? Words in a hymnal or projected on a screen? Does it bring to mind a certain physical posture? Conjure up images of a heavenly throne room filled with seraphim, or maybe the Old Testament tabernacle?

The need or desire to worship is born in every person. It is not something that is taught or developed. It is created within us to do. Think of any culture in the world with which you may be familiar. Every culture worships something or someone. Some worship false gods or idols, while others worship money, a lifestyle, or even self.

We are created with a desire and instinct to worship, so the question is not, DO we worship? but WHO do we worship?

Take a moment to write out Psalm 95:6-7:



Now read these verses aloud. These verses are our memory verses for this study. I encourage you to write them on index cards and place them in various locations where you spend the most time.

In this first lesson, we are studying Psalm 95:6a, which states, Come, let us bow down in worship. What stands as the biggest obstacle we face in worship? Regardless of the external obstacles that we may struggle with in worship, the biggest obstacle is what God has to deal with in us – our heart.

In our humanity, worship styles easily distract us and we tend to decide whether or not to participate in worship only if the church service is laid out to our personal preference.

Worship is the very heart of God. We worship because of who HE is and in response to what HE has done in our lives. It matters little to God whether or not our corporate worship follows a certain man-made guideline. That's simply external.

Worship encompasses the intentional attitudes and actions of focusing on God. When the method of worship becomes more important than Who we worship, we've missed the point altogether. If our worship doesn't come from our hearts God is not going to accept it. We are frighteningly close to never being able to

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offer God something of value. Apart from His forgiveness and grace there is nothing we can do to please God. Nothing in and of ourselves reconnects us to Him. And so it's in grace that God reaches out and gathers us into Jesus Christ and into a community to allow us to offer acceptable worship to Him.

How did Jesus explain worship to a Samaritan woman in John 4:23?

What does that clarify for you?

Worshipping in spirit and truth proves vital to authentic worship. We find the truth in God's Word. In His truth we trust. So what does that tell us? Spending time in God's Word critically impacts our understanding of Who we worship.

Oswald Chambers once said, "When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart." If our knowledge of God is superficial, our worship will be superficial. God is not moved or impressed with our worship until our hearts are moved and impressed by Him. To worship in spirit is to draw near to God with an undivided heart.

To worship God in truth means worshiping God not as we think Him to be, not as we hope Him to be, not as we'd like Him to be, but as He is. When people see God as He is, worship happens.

Genuine worship overflows from a mind renewed by the truth of God.

Take a moment to record and ponder:

Matthew 28:17

Psalm 96:9a

The revelation of God's person prompts worship. C.S. Lewis once wrote "In the process of being worshipped, God communicates His presence to men." In this lesson's passage, we see the invitation to worship – come. We have been invited into the presence of the Lord God Almighty!

The passage goes on to say, let us bow down in worship. I don't know about you, friends, but I don't think my knees will hold me when one day I am ushered into His magnificent presence. Facedown before Him seems much more likely.

How else are we invited?

Psalm 145:21

Revelation 22:17

Throughout Scripture, the worship of God is commanded. It's not optional, nor should it be. Every good

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thing comes from Him. He provides everything to us that we need or will ever need. If we don't have something we desire right now, we don't need it right now. He watches over and guides our lives to shape and mold us into the likeness of His Son.

How do you see worship commanded in the following verses?

Exodus 34:14

2 Kings 17:36

1 Chronicles 16:29

Psalms 99:5

Revelation 14:7

Worship is not optional. God has issued to us the divine command to come and worship. How do you live that out every day?

What command words do you see in the following verses?

Deuteronomy 12:5

Deuteronomy 16:16

God's commands to come and worship are clear in that we are to seek, we must go, and we must appear. So what presents the major difficulty on our end? Free will. We have a choice this side of heaven who or what we worship. Once in heaven, we will be worshipping God. Our time on earth merely offers a practice run-through, so to speak. So God continues to invite us to come and worship, and to bow down before Him, because one day that choice will no longer reside with you and me.

What does Philippians 2:10-11 say will happen?

Those are some of my very favorite passages in all of Scripture because Jesus receives all of the glory, honor, and reverence appropriately due to Him. Worship and love cannot be separated. We worship whom we love and love whom we worship. Mark 12:30 tells us, And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength (KJV).

Both love and worship are demonstrative. They require some measure of outward expression. We cannot

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just say, I love You or I worship You, and never demonstrate it. Much like an earthly marriage, we are to show our love, not simply say it.

In Romans 5:8, we see how God demonstrated His love for us in that, While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. That's demonstrative!

How do you demonstrate your love for God through worship?

Let's review our Bible memory verses for this study. Write out Psalm 95:6-7 once more:

This week's passage invites us to come and bow down in worship. We struggle with many obstacles that inhibit our desire and ability to worship at times – mainly our own hearts and sinful desires. However, God in His unlimited love for us continues to extend the universal invitation to come. Worship tends to be about surrendering and giving up control. That's exactly what God requires in order to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Life Application:

When is the last time you genuinely bowed down and worshipped God? This week, find a quiet placed uninterrupted by technology or people, and kneel. That position alone draws our attention to God like a laser beam.

Take time thanking Him for the breath in your lungs. The clothes you had to wash. The sunrise He painted for you. The heartache that draws you to Him. He is worthy of your worship. He loves you more than you can possibly imagine.

Close with prayer:

□Father, I thank and praise You for who You are. Lord, I struggle with a number of things in this life, including surrendering my worship to You in spirit and truth. Worship means loving You with all of my heart, mind, soul and strength. There's a demonstrative side to those words. I pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit You give me the strength to love and worship You not because I say it, but because I live it and demonstrate it.

So, Lord I ask that You give me the confidence, comfort and peace knowing that I can accept Your invi-

tation. Thank You for being so patient when I hesitate or get distracted by man-made worship guidelines. Surrendering my will to Yours in worship is what I most desire. In Jesus' name. Amen. □

Lesson Two

Facedown Worship

Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker (Psalm 95:6b).

Do you remember the first time that you ever intentionally knelt? I don't mean kneeling in jest when begging a sibling or friend for something you desired. No, I mean kneeling because you were either asked to kneel or because you understood on some level that it was the appropriate action to take.

Mine was the first time I received communion in my home congregation after I was baptized at age 23. I remember thinking how odd it felt to undertake what I perceived to be such an intimate act of submission and worship in front of hundreds of people.

In fact, it still feels odd at times. Communion is intensely personal and I sometimes wish that I could linger at the table a bit longer just to be still before Him as He reaches down to me through His body and blood. Occasionally, I find myself wishing that once I receive communion everyone else would leave so that I could properly go facedown before God in humble worship and thanksgiving.

I realize that's selfish, and I promise I'm not crazy. I'm just crazy about Jesus.

Do we crave that intimate time with Him on a regular basis apart from the communion table? He understands us better than anyone else. His sacrificial love for His flock thankfully brings us to our knees.

Take a moment to write out Psalm 95:6-7:

In this second lesson, we turn our attention to Psalm 95:6b, which states, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. We undertake another significant act before the Lord on our knees - prayer. According to Revelation 8:3, our prayers ascend as incense before God.

Throughout Scripture we see God's people kneeling before Him in prayer:

1 Kings 8:54

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Daniel 6:10

Acts 9:40

Acts 21:5

What causes us to hold back from kneeling in prayer or offering God our all in worship? I would suggest that there's a side of us that lives life striving to receive acceptance by those around us. In a word – self consciousness.

Have you noticed that oftentimes our outward actions are inhibited by the opinions of others? When that happens, our worship ends up being based on what other people want, what they prefer, and what they believe. And so rather than worshiping according to what God wants, what God prefers, and what God believes, our worship and prayers can fall woefully short of the honor God deserves.

We also see in Scripture where prayer is commanded by God:

1 Chronicles 16:11

Ephesians 6:18

Philippians 4:6

Colossians 4:2

1 Thessalonians 5:17

I love the simple straightforwardness of 1 Thessalonians pray continually. There's no beating around the bush or fancy words, just simply pray continually. What daily or weekly time commitment do you currently devote to nothing but prayer?

Did you know that brevity in prayer is also commanded?

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Matthew 6:7

Over and over we see prayer pointed out as a vital part of our Christian walk. It's not an option if we truly desire that close, personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. We receive His good gifts of divine guidance, peace, comfort and instruction on our knees before Him in intimate prayer and worship. Matt Redmon, one of this generation's anointed worship leaders, wrote a song called The Heart of Worship that speaks to our

desire for intimacy with Jesus through our worship. Read these lyrics slowly to allow them to soak in deeply: When the music fades away and all is stripped away, I simply come longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart. I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within, through the way things appear – You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You – all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, but it's all about You – all about You, Jesus. King of endless worth! No one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours - every single breath.

Those lyrics pour from a heart that desires to worship God in spirit and truth above all things. Worship is all about Him. And worship is for Him only. In the privacy of your personal worship, in that secret place that only you and God will ever know about, what keeps your focus on God and God alone?

Many of Scripture's prominent figures went before the Lord facedown in prayer and worship:
Numbers 20:6

Joshua 5:14

2 Chronicles 20:18

We also see one startling instance in Scripture where Jesus goes facedown before God in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26:39

Jesus faced the most brutal, cruel torture on our behalf, yet He still submitted in perfect obedience to death – even death on a cross. That single act of love is almost more than we can comprehend in our culture today. Unwavering faith that Jesus died for us to redeem us from our sins causes us to go facedown before Him.

Have you ever gone facedown before Him literally? The first time I tried it, I laid on the floor with nose and forehead to the carpet. I tell you, taking that position truly focused my attention on Who I was communicating with. But I had a problem - I felt like I had my back to God. Does that make sense? So I turned over face up, then I felt like I was taking a siesta rather than going before Him in reverence.

Whatever position we take before God, what truly matters is the genuineness of our prayers and worship from our hearts. Some cannot physically kneel or go facedown before the Lord. As we learned last week, if our worship doesn't come from our hearts, God is not going to accept it. The position from which we offer Him our worship and prayers is not nearly as important as ensuring that our offering is genuine.

Let's review our Bible memory verses for this month. Write out Psalm 95:6-7 once more:

Each day this week as you go before the Lord in worship and prayer, I pray that God multiplies that time

of intimacy. In that precious time with Him, we seek the face of the One who created us and loves us like no other – the Lord our Maker.

Life Application:

Look back through the verses that you looked up in this lesson. In which one did you find most meaning in your life right now? Write that verse on a piece of paper, index card or sticky note and carry it with you all week. Several times throughout each day read that verse. At week's end, reflect on how God used that verse to encourage you, convict you, or draw you closer to Him.

Close with prayer:

□Father, as I was reminded afresh this week of the sacrifice Jesus offered on my behalf, I fall before You in worship. I pray that You open the eyes of my heart. I acknowledge that though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours – every single breath. Worship is all about You, Jesus. It's all about You. In Jesus' name. Amen.□

Lesson Three

He is our God

He is our God (Psalm 95:7a).

Well done, fellow worshiper! We now embark on Lesson 3 of our Facedown Worship Bible study. You hung in there through the first two lessons even though they may not have been entirely within your comfort zone. God calls us to be challenged, so that we can grow and learn from His knowledge.

Since we are to worship in spirit and truth, it is of paramount importance that His truth is firmly imbedded in our heart, soul, and mind through faith. Faith comes from knowledge. Knowledge comes from the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

When we study His Word, as we are now doing, we come to know more and more that He is our God. There is no one else worthy of our praise and worship.

In this lesson we study and come to know on an intimate level that God is our God. He is your God. He is my God.

Take a moment to write out Psalm 95:6-7:

In this third lesson, we turn to Psalm 95:7a, which states, He is our God. The Hebrew name used for God in this passage is Elohim. Elohim is first recorded in Genesis 1:1 and appears over 2,000 times in the Old Testament alone. This word was appropriated by the Jews and retained by Christians to denote the one true God, Our God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are graciously given the ability and desire to believe that Elohim is indeed our God.

Who else shared that same desire as we do today?

Joshua 24:15

Ruth 1:16

Deuteronomy 4:37 tells us that we choose Him only because He first chose us. What comfort does that wonderful truth bring to you?

We learned last week that maintaining an active prayer life proves vital to genuine worship. Prayer remains vital when we face important decisions in our lives. Why? In prayer and through studying God's Word, He imparts His guidance and truth to us. Through them He guides our decision-making process. Our decisions cannot be made on what we believe to be true just for us in our corner of the world. Our truth needs to tally up with God's truth.

If our truth doesn't match God's truth, what would happen?

Although there are others, let's explore three main reasons to choose God above all else:

1. He is our Source of truth.

To the Christian, He is the Source of all truth. God will never lead us astray – He is truth. In our culture today, everything tends to be in shades of gray. People hesitate to stand up for God's truth because they don't want to be rebuked for questioning what someone else may believe is true for them in their particular circumstance. God's truth stands firm and right regardless of the circumstances:

Isaiah 65:16

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Psalm 31:5

Psalm 119:160

Romans 3:4

Revelation 22:6

In the New Testament, we see over and over where Jesus uses the phrase, I tell you the truth. About what does He tell us the truth?

Matthew 5:18

Matthew 17:20

Mark 3:28

Luke 18:17

2.He is faithful.

God has pursued mankind ever since He breathed life into Adam's nostrils. The Bible isn't about the desire of people to be with God; it's the desire of God to be with people. He pursues us in love from Genesis to Revelation. He faithfully promises never to leave us nor forsake us. I never tire of soaking in Scripture about God's faithfulness!

Deuteronomy 7:9

Psalm 25:10

Hebrews 10:23

1 Kings 8:56

2 Thessalonians 3:3

We could go on and on reading these faithful treasures on the pages of Scripture. God's faithfulness extends for a thousand generations to those who love Him. JOY!

After reading these passages, what is God stirring in you?

3.God loves us with an everlasting love.

According to 1 John 4:19, how are we able to love?

God first loved us. He loves us with an everlasting love. When we are called to be the adopted son or daughter of God, we love Him and others because God is love and first loved us.

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Take your time writing down these words of love from God:

John 15:9

John 3:16

1 John 3:1a

Romans 5:8

So how do we respond to a love so great? We love and serve others in His name. We are the hands and feet of Jesus to a dark and hurting world. Love – HIS love – makes all the difference.

How do you show the love of God to those around you?

Let's review our Bible memory verses for this study. Write out Psalm 95:6-7 once more:

God, our Source of truth, is faithful and loves us with an everlasting love. Read that sentence one more time. Does that just blow your mind?

When we understand and soak in those promises of God, we cannot help but respond by worshiping Him in the splendor of His holiness. He could have chosen to live anywhere, but He chooses to live in us. He is our God! Elohim, Jehovah, the Lord our Maker!!

Life Application:

Demonstrating God's love to others isn't easy - especially to those we consider difficult or undeserving. This week, stretch yourself. Keep your eyes open to ways you can show God's love to others. It could be as innocuous as smiling and sincerely thanking the grocery sacker at the store. It could be as great as spending an afternoon or evening listening to and encouraging a troubled youth or offering comfort and diapers to an unwed, expectant mother. Keep your eyes open. God will show you.

Close with prayer:

□Father, You are my God!!! I revel in that personal relationship with You. I am humbled as I read of Your depth of love for me. That depth stretched all the way to Calvary. Who am I that You are mindful of me? I am Yours – heart, soul, and mind. I love You and worship You in faith, love, spirit and truth. You are my God!!! In Jesus' name. Amen. □

Lesson Four

I Want to be a Sheep

*We are the people of his pasture, the flock
under his care (Psalm 95:7b).*

In this lesson, we'll conclude our study on facedown worship in the sheep pen, so to speak.

When you think about sheep, what comes to mind? I think of contentment, security and provision. That may seem odd, but stick with me.

Sheep are not required to make many life-changing decisions are they? They really have only one: Will I follow the shepherd or find my own pasture? If they choose to follow the shepherd, everything is taken care of.

I compare it to human childhood. As an infant or toddler, we received love, protection, a safe place to rest our heads, our basic needs satisfied, and simple rules to follow. Just writing that, there's a small part of me that desires to return to such a simple existence. Can you relate?

As we grow older and more responsibilities fall into (or are placed) in our laps, life gets complicated. When through the leading of the Holy Spirit we follow Jesus, our Chief Shepherd, He takes care of the rest. He provides us with abundant love, protection from evil, a safe place to rest our heads, our needs amply satisfied, and simple rules to follow.

We are His people. His flock. He cares for us. We simply need to figure out one thing: Will I follow the Shepherd or find my own pasture?

Take a moment to write out Psalm 95:6-7:

We wrap up our study by looking at Psalm 95:7b, which states, We are the people of his pasture, the

flock under his care. From earliest recorded history, raising sheep was widespread in the ancient world. Sheep provided meat, wool, milk, and cheese. Shepherds led their sheep to pasture and water, protected them from wild animals, kept a careful count of them, and gave special attention to those needing help.

At night, the shepherds of old literally laid down across entrances to enclosures in which the sheep were sleeping to prevent harm from befalling the flock. Any predator (man or beast) intending to harm the flock literally would have had to go over or through the shepherd. Often caves or rock walls, sheep pens had narrow entrances which the shepherds slept across.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down His life for us – His flock.

He laid across the entrance of Hell.

Read John 10:1-18. What shepherding traits do you notice in those passages?

Jesus voluntarily laid His life down for us – His sheep. Scripture tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down our life for another. (John 15:13) If someone has saved your life, you know exactly the depth of gratitude and love you feel toward that person. Multiply that feeling by a thousand. Jesus not only saved our lives, He saved them for all eternity!

When you soak in that sentence, what does that cause you to feel?

As God's people, we mean much more to Him than sheep. How do the following passages refer to God's people?

Exodus 19:5

Deuteronomy 14:2

As God's people, we are not just randomly gathered as a generic flock. We have undergone spiritual adoption into the family of God.

What do the following verses tell us about this wonderful act?

John 1:12

Romans 8:15

2 Corinthians 6:18

Galatians 4:5-6

In various versions of the Bible, the latter half of this week's passage differs greatly. Most versions agree to the first phrase we are the people of His pasture. However, the translations of the second half prove insightful.

The majority translates the last half as the sheep of His hand (KJV, NKJV, ESV, ASV, RSV, Darby). The word hand is used metaphorically throughout Scripture to represent the power of God. [See Luke 1:66, John 10:28-29, Acts 11:21, and Hebrews 1:10.] God guides His flock with power. Not just any power – HIS power. The power that created every living thing, parted the Red Sea, made the sun stand still, and resurrected Jesus from the dead.

The One who holds that power is the One we worship and to whom we offer our lives – body, soul, heart and mind.

How do you see God’s power working in your life today?

When God sees us He does not behold a faceless flock. He knows the members of His flock personally and individually. He loves and watches over each and every one of us. When we get lost in sin or rebellion and stray from Him, He knows it.

Read the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7. As a potential stray, what comfort do you find in these passages?

The compassion displayed by Jesus as He seeks after the one who is lost satisfies our deepest needs for security. In that passage, we receive assurance that no matter where we go, He remains with us. He watches over us.

Did you notice that Jesus takes great joy when He brings home one who was lost? He invites others to rejoice with Him in that redemption. That is amazing grace in action. Praise the Lord!

We have reached the end of this journey together to discover facedown worship. To touch heaven in worship remains our greatest privilege and joy this side of eternity.

Worship is not just born in us; it is what we were made for. God fashioned our entire being as an instrument of praise. Just as a master violin maker designs an instrument to produce maximum aesthetic results, so God tailor-made our bodies, souls, and spirits to work together in consonance to produce pleasing expressions of praise and worship.

Keeping worship in perspective is critical. Worship remains first and foremost for His benefit, not ours. Our preferences pale as we give honor and glory to the only One who deserves it – the Lord, our Maker.

Let’s review our Bible memory verses for this study one final time. Write out Psalm 95:6-7 from memory:

Perhaps you have been attending church for years, but you’ve never really drawn near to God in worship, nor have you sensed His nearness – even in your own private devotions and prayers. God has redeemed us

so we can worship Him. It is the purpose for which we were created.

So we continue living in the light of the wonders we discover about God in His Word, and ask Him to teach us more and more by experiencing what it is to worship Him in spirit and truth. That is a prayer our great God will delight in answering in abundance.

Life Application:

How will your worship life be affected by what you have learned these past four weeks?

Close with prayer:

Father, to simply say thank You doesn't cover the gratitude in my heart. As I complete this study about face-down worship, I realize that I have fallen short. Either in thought, word, or deed, I have failed to honor You with the worship You deserve.

Lord, I pray for a worshiping heart born out of love and knowledge of You. Teach me what it means to offer genuine worship to You in spirit and truth. I am so thankful to be a sheep in Your care and keeping. There's no place safer or more joyous. You have called me back to the intimacy of surrendered worship. Teach me to worship You from my heart – a heart filled to overflowing with love and reverence toward You – the Giver of all good things in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Prayers

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