

CRESTVIEW WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday June 10, 2018

Four Words: A Study of Titus and Philemon

This Sunday: ***EXTRAORDINARY!***

Preparation Music Rev 19:16 *And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.* Rev 21:22 *And I saw no temple therein: for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.* Several key terms such as %king of kings,+%lord of lords,+ and %lamb+ in this worship song recall the book of Revelation, especially Revelation 17:14: %These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.+ In addition to Revelation, language throughout the song is reminiscent of the psalms, especially psalms of praise. The Authorized King James Version sets the tone, especially with its focus on %Jehovah+ and its hierarchical language of God on a throne, worshipped by those who bow before him. This is a song of exaltation and adoration as those assembled offer glory and praise to the almighty God who is above all. The first-person plural language indicates that it is for a corporate worship gathering and the direction of the praise is from the singers toward God.

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb. We will glorify the Lord of lords who is the great I AM. King Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne. We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone. Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb. Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord of the universe, All praise to him we give.

Call to Worship This call to worship is from Psalm 96. Pondering God's majesty, splendor, strength and glory should lead us to spiritual ecstasy. Paul writes a counterpart to this psalm in Philippians 2:9-11. *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus*

*Christ is Lord, to the GLORY of God the Father! On this day the curse on nature will be lifted, and God will pour out his blessing. As harmony and balance is restored to the universe, the heavens and earth will be glad, and all of creation will tremble with joy and music. The sea will *resound and all that is in it*; the fields will be jubilant and *all the trees of the forest will sing for joy*".*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad and all that is in it.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAISE Here is a Bible Study for the first verse and refrain of today's opening hymn. Take time to meditate on these song lyrics and these scripture verses!

To God be the glory, great things He has done;

Philippians 4:20 Now to our God and Father be *the* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Psalms 71:19 For Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Romans 10:13 for "whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Psalm 106:1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Let the earth hear His voice!

Jeremiah 22:29 "O land, land, land, Hear the word of the LORD!"

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Psalm 113:1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD.

Let the people rejoice!

1 Chronicles 16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Of Jesus in Revelation 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father - to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 126:3 The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad.

V1

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

[Refrain]:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

2

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]**

3

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

CALL TO CONFESSION Read Joshua 1:9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go,* and Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous.* We slip into living our busy lives in our own power and wisdom and can feel like we are alone and God has left us. The truth is: we ~~leave~~+God! He is there for us as these scriptures say: and is there for us to confess our sin and receives us as we seek to return!

Leader: Holy God, we come to you confessing our sin. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble.

People: In the jumble of all of this, you are present. You are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. We thank you, and ask for your forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Read Ephesians 1:4 *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault*

in his eyes. As we confess our sin, we can be sure God is waiting for us to forgive our sin and welcome us to him.

Leader: Lord, you chose us and set us apart as your church to be your bride. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Help us to keep ourselves pure as we await the day of your second coming. By your grace, teach us to live holy and faithful lives.

People: We love you, Lord Jesus, and we long to please you in all that we do!

SCRIPTURE/SERMON

Look at Titus 2:1-10 in your Bible! Paul gives Titus counsel on how to help various types of people. The older should teach the younger by words and by example. All believers should live good lives, resisting bad influences as well as false teaching. Paul urged Titus to be a good example to those around him so that others might see his good deeds and imitate him. His life would give his words greater impact.

OFFERING MUSIC This text was written to encourage Wesley's followers to have a more spontaneous joy in their lives as they became aware that Christ reigns victorious in heaven. It was based on Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice! It's easy to quote but sometimes difficult to practice.

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he has purged our stains, he took his seat above; lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

FINAL HYMN

Today's scripture teaches us to train our minds towards right living. To be serious and unruffled, sensible, knowing, believing the truth, doing everything with love and patience; to be quiet and respectful, not speaking evil of others, not be heavy drinkers, but to be teachers of goodness. To behave carefully, to let yourself be an example of good deeds of every kind (and more!). In other words, surrender all to the Lord's control, so your life will reflect all HE has in mind for you to become. This

closing hymn speaks of this %surrender+in much the same way though different words are used!

V1

**Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.**

V2

**Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.**

V3

**Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind;
Rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.**

V4

**Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.**

V5

**Lord of all being, I give you my all,
for if I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom the rest of the way.**

SEE YOU SUNDAY IN WORSHIP