

# **Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool**

**RE-THINK – WORSHIP**

**Worshipping Warriors (Part XIV)**

**July 9, 2023**

**Psalm 149:1-9 (v. 6-9)**

**6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

**7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;**

**8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;**

**9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.**

**PRAISE AND POWER PART #2**

## Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>S</b>
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<del><u>Command</u> to obey?</del>	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

## WHY...THIS SERIES

Because...

**AS** CHRISTIANS, we suffer from a LACK....

- ① **LACK** of IDENTITY
- ② **LACK** of MISSION & MESSAGE
- ③ **LACK** of Moral Purpose

I) **IDENTITY is EVERYTHING!!!**

II) For the **INDIVIDUAL** and for the **INSTITUTION**

**IDENTITY**.... gives birth to both Mission and Message!

III) Your **Identity** will dictate and determine **How** you choose to  
**LIVE**

IV) **Who** ... you **BE** will dictate and determine **What** ...you **DO!**

## We continue to **Study** in the Book of **Psalms**

V) The **Psalms** are written...

a) to Teach US to **Give Thanks**,

b) to Bring to **Remembrance** the circumstances under which they were **written**, and

c) to Reveal the **Lord Jesus Christ** as the **Key** that unlocks the book!

## VI) The **Outline** of Psalm 149

- a) vs 1-3 ... Hear the Call to Praise!
- b) vs 4-5 ... Hear the Cause for Praise!
- c) vs 6-9.... Hear the Conclusion!

**As We Re-Think the WAY  
We-Think About WORSHIP!!**

VII) Our Good / GREAT / and GRACIOUS GOD **Desires and Deserves**  
**Our Worship!**

VIII) **WORSHIP** is our **Response** with **ALL** we are... mind /  
emotions / will / and body to **ALL** that **GOD is / says / and does.**

IX) **Biblical Worship** looks like Obedience / T/G/ PRAISE

A) **Obedience** to GOD as an expression of our love and reverence to **HIM**

B) **Thanksgiving** to GOD for **ALL** that HE....  
has **done** for us...in the **past**  
**is doing** for us ....in the **present** and  
**will do** for us.....in the **future**

C) **PRAISE** to Him **not** for **ALL** that **HE** does for us but for **ALL** that HE **is to us**



## Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the **Question**, “What’s in it, or What’s the take away for me?”

- 1) Psalm 149 was written by David, a shepherd / poet / musician / warrior and King
- 2) David was “A man after GOD’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14) / (Acts 13:22)
- 3) David was the servant of GOD that **experienced and expressed**
  - a) Praise and Power
  - b) Adoration and Adversity
  - c) Song and Sword
  - d) Worship and Warfare
- 4) **R / R / NF**....as with David so with every Child of GOD / Servant of GOD
- 5) Sometimes the Servant’s **2-Edged Sword** is Literal and Deadly
- 6) Sometimes that 2-Edged Sword **MUST** be **Actively and Aggressively USED** against the enemy (enemies) of HIS KING and HIS PEOPLE
- 7) **R / R / NF**....that there is a TIME to KILL and a TIME to HEAL (Ecc. 3:3)  
that there is a TIME to LOVE and a TIME to HATE  
a TIME of WAR and a TIME of PEACE (Ecc. 3:8)

- 8) **R / R / NF**....that sometimes you and I **MUST FIGHT!!!**  
....that there is a Biblical and Sacred Concept of **WAR!**  
(A JUST WAR)
- 9) **Consider the Elements of A JUST WAR**
- a) We **MUST** be facing **IMMINENT DANGER**....such that **FORCE** is both necessary and proportionate to the **DANGER / THREAT!**
  - b) The **WAR MUST** have a **“JUST CAUSE”** (the defense of the common good / a response to a serious **INJUSTICE**)
  - c) The **WAR MUST** be declared openly by the **Proper Sovereign Authority**
  - d) The **AIM** of the **WAR MUST** be to Establish a **“JUST PEACE”**
  - e) **FORCE MUST** be used “only” as a **“LAST RESORT”**
  - f) The expected **BENEFITS** of the **WAR MUST** outweigh the anticipated **COSTS** of the **WAR**
  - g) There **MUST** be IMMUNITY for all NON-COMBATANTS
- 10) **WTPT? HTPP?**  
The Child of **GOD**....  
The **SERVANT** of **GOD MUST**....  
Possess....The **SPIRIT of The SON** to express **WORSHIP** and  
The **SPIRIT of The SOLDIER** to execute **WAR!**

## Action Point

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question,  
What should I do?

## LIVE LIKE IT!

There is **Only One** Right Response to the Truth that has been taught...in your hearing TODAY

## WORSHIP HIM (Definition)

- Respond to HIM **with** ALL that you are

Mind / Emotions / Will / Body **to** ALL that GOD is / says / does!

## Action Point - cont.

Which Looks Like... Submit to HIM!

Yield to HIM!

Align yourself with HIM!

Line Up under HIM!

Build your LIFE UPON HIM!

Build your LIFE AROUND HIM!

Center your LIFE IN HIM!

**REMEMBER \* REALIZE AND NEVER FORGET:**

***The **GREATEST** Expression of **WORSHIP** is  
The **SMALLEST** act of **OBEDIENCE!*****

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