<u>Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool</u> RE-THINK – WORSHIP

> Worshipping Warriors (Part XIV) July 9, 2023

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

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

⁷ <u>To execute</u> vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

⁸ <u>To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;</u>

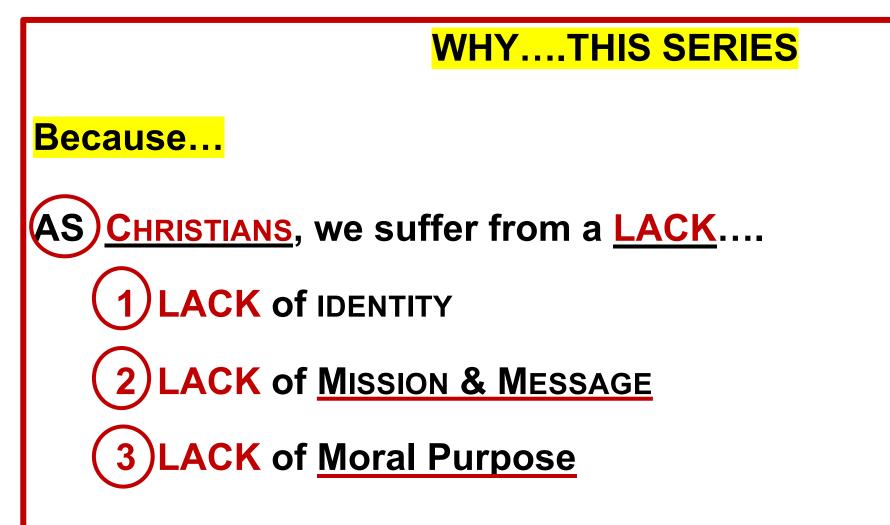
⁹ To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

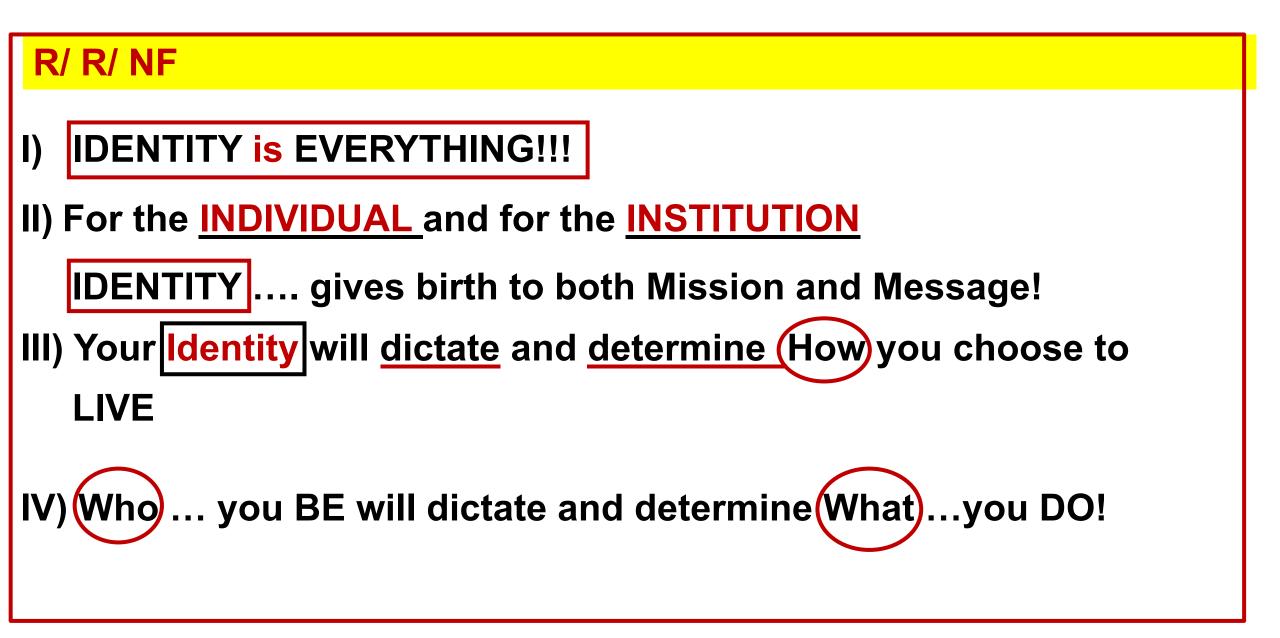


Teaching Purpose

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

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





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

<u>c) to Reveal the Lord Jesus Christ</u> as the Key that unlocks the book!

VI) The Outline of Psalm 149

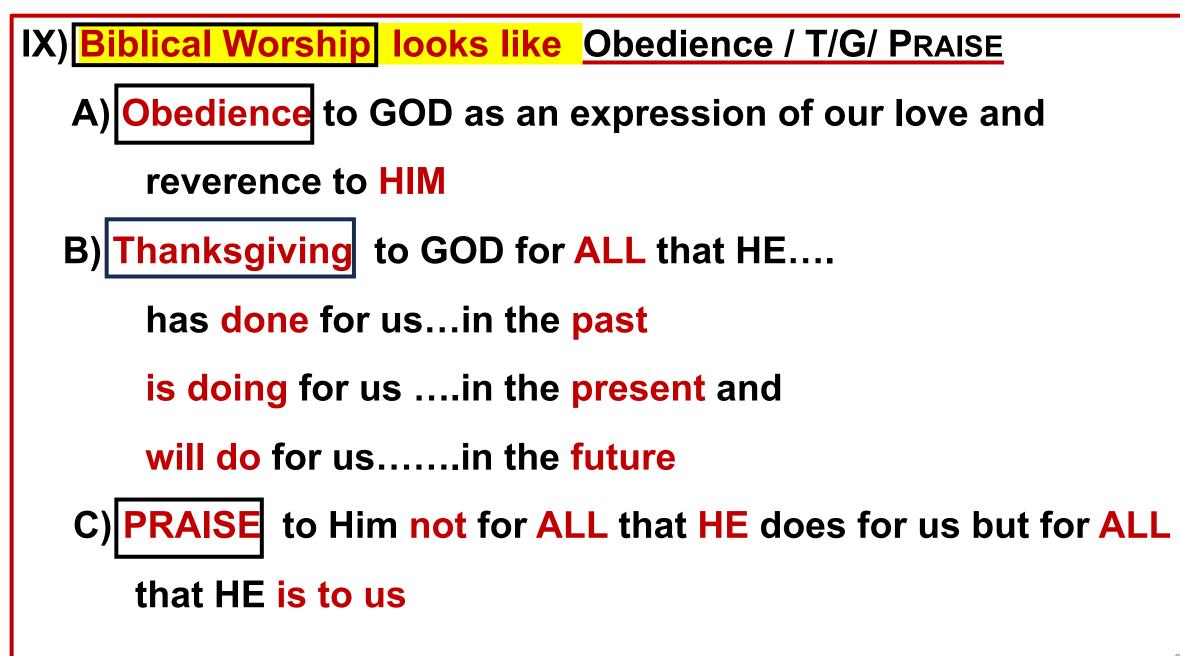
- a) vs 1-3 ... Hear the Call to Praise!
- b) vs 4-5 ... Hear the Cause for Praise!
- c) <u>vs 6-9</u>.... Hear the <u>Conclusion</u>!

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.



<u>Sermonic Principle(s)</u>

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 <u>KILL</u> and a TIME to <u>HEAL</u> (Ecc. 3:3) that there is a TIME to <u>LOVE</u> and a TIME to <u>HATE</u> a TIME of <u>WAR</u> and a TIME of <u>PEACE</u> (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... <u>Submit</u> to HIM!

<u>Yield</u> to HIM!

Align yourself with HIM!

Line Up under HIM!

Build your LIFE UPON HIM!

Build your LIFE AROUND HIM!

<u>Center</u> your LIFE IN HIM!

REMEMBER * REALIZE AND NEVER FORGET: *The GREATEST Expression of WORSHIP is The smallest act of OBEDIENCE!*

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