

Sermon Notes for January 29, 2006 Morning

**Morning: “The Worshipping Heart”** Genesis 22:1-14 (Pew Bible page 19)  
(Spirituality—The Healthy Christian Life)

The first time the word “worship” is found in Scripture is in Genesis 22:5— “And Abraham said to the young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey: the lad and I will go yonder and **worship**, and we will come back to you.’” “Worship” is the Hebrew word “Shachah” and means “to bow down before God to worship and to pay adoration.” **Old Testament Word Studies**, William Wilson

The Biblical study principle called “The Law of First Mention” makes the book of Genesis to be the seed bed of Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit carefully instructs us in Genesis in every major Bible doctrine. What can we learn about “Worship” in this first mention of “Worship” in Genesis?

- I. The First **Priority** of Worship Is To Desire to **Know** God more than anything else in all the world. Genesis 22:1-2 “God tested Abraham and said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love to Moriah and offer him there.’”

*“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.” Philippians 3:10*

*“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.” I Corinthians 15:1-3*

*“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:6-7*

*“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all hyour heart.” Jeremiah 29:13*

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33*

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11:6*

- II. The **Preparation** for Worship is a Heart of **Obedience**— Genesis 22:3-4 “So Abraham rose early in the morning and took . . . Isaac his son to the place which God had told him.” *“If any man do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.” John 7:17*

- III. The **Path** into Worship is always a **Sacrifice**— Genesis 22:5-9 “But where is the **Lamb** for a burnt offering?” Read Genesis 3:21 *“And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.” Genesis 4:4-5*

- The Sacrifice of the **Son** given at Calvary— “My son, God will provide for Himself the Lamb.”  
Genesis 22:8 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.”*  
Hebrews 10:19
- The Sacrifice of **Self** given by Consecration— “He bound his son and laid him on the altar.”  
Genesis 22:9 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1-2 “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” Luke 9:23-25*

**IV. The Praise of Worship** is the glory, victory, and joy of the **Resurrection**, the Risen Life of Christ above us and in us! “Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from Heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am . . .’ And Abraham called the name of the place ‘Jehovah-Jireh’ in the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”  
Genesis 22:10-11, 14 *“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from when also he received him in a figure.” Hebrews 11:17-19*

Sermon Notes for January 29, 2006 P.M.

**Evening: "The Singing Heart"** Ephesians 5:18-21 (Pew Bible page 1041)  
(Spirituality—The Healthy Christian Life)

"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19

"Worship quickens the **conscience** to the holiness of God, feeds the **mind** with the truth of God, purges the **imagination** by the beauty of God, opens the **heart** to the love of God, and devotes the **will** to the purpose of God." Archbishop William Temple

Worship is about God! In both Testaments the word "worship" means to "bow down low and to give the highest praise." Worship is not about us; worship is about God! "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:2 (533)

- I. Worship is **Inspirational**— "But **be filled** with the Holy Spirit." Ephesians 5:18 Worship is when we are **filled** with God! "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and **worshipped him**: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:9-11; "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke 24:32
  
- II. Worship is **Intentional**— "Speaking . . . singing . . . making melody . . . giving thanks . . . submitting." Ephesians 5:19-21 "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6 Worship is a command, even a sacrifice, which we choose to offer to God! "Then the king (David) said . . . No but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." II Samuel 24:24 (299)
  
- III. Worship is **Instructional**— Psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody." Ephesians 5:19 The content of worship and singing is a tool of the Holy Spirit to instruct and train the believers in Biblical faith and Christian doctrine. Singing is a major part of worship!

"Psalms" - "Old Testament psalms put to music."

"Hymns" - "Songs of praise (composed by Christians) focused on the Lord Jesus Christ."

“Spiritual songs” - “Songs of personal testimony expressing truths of the grace of salvation.” (The Epistle of Ephesians, John MacArthur)

- IV. Worship is **Internal**— “Singing, making melody **in your heart** to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:19 “True Worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit; and those who **worship** Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24 “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.” Acts 16:25 (983) Singing and worship are always matters of the heart **first of all!**
- V. Worship is **Invitational**— “Singing, making melody in your heart **to the Lord.**” Ephesians 5:19

“Beyond the sacred page, we seek Thee, Lord.” In worship, God invites us to **know** Him!

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4 (1102)

“They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.” Revelation 22:4-5 (1103)

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20 (1090)