

WORSHIP THE LORD – 4

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REVIEW:

1. The Priesthood began with Aaron.
2. The Priesthood was not to be permanent.
3. Jesus put an end to the Old Covenant and Priesthood.
4. Today, all believers make up God's Holy Priesthood.
5. We offer spiritual sacrifices, not animal sacrifices.
6. The main reasons for the church are to minister to God, to the saints and to the world.
7. Ministering to God involves praise, worship and communion.

We already discussed praise.

WORSHIP

1. Worship centers on who God is, as well as what He's done.
 - A. **REVELATION 4:8-11** – He is the Creator of all things. All things He created owe their existence to Him.
 - B. **REVELATION 5:9-14** – He redeemed us and made us Kings and Priests.
2. Worship involves giving something to God. **1 CHRON. 16:29**
 - A. A woman was given an appointment with President Lincoln. “How may I serve you?” I know you're a busy man. I've not come to ask you for anything. I simply came to bring you this box of cookies, for I heard you enjoy them so much.” Silence followed, tears overflowed the President's eyes. “Imagine that, I thank you so much for your thoughtful gift. I am greatly moved, by it. Since I've been president of this country, many have come into this office asking for favors and demanding something from me. You are the first person who has ever entered these premises asking no favor, and indeed, bringing a gift for me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”
 - B. **ROMANS 12:1-2 (NLT)** – We don't offer animal sacrifices or cookies, we offer our bodies and minds. We change the way we act and think. We give Him our talents and abilities in worship.

3. Communion. **ISAIAH 40:31**

- A. An exchange takes place when we intertwine with the Lord. We release our strength in praise and worship and we absorb His.
- B. Upward flow: Praise, worship and communion.
Inward flow: Grace, mercy and power.
Outward flow: Life, glory and anointing.

MINISTER TO THE SAINTS – 1 PETER 4:8-10

- 1. There are many “one another” verses that help us understand how to minister to or serve one another.
 - A. Love one another. **JOHN 13:34-35**
 - B. Be kind to and prefer one another. **ROMANS 12:10**
 - C. Live in Harmony, don't be condescending. **ROM.12:16**
 - D. Don't judge or be critical. **ROMANS 14:13**
 - E. Serve one another. **GALATIANS 5:13**
 - F. Bear one another's burdens. **GALATIANS 6:1-2**
 - G. Be compassionate and forgiving. **EPHESIANS 4:31-32**
 - H. Submit to one another. **EPHESIANS 5:21**
 - I. Admonish, advise, urge or warn. **COLOSSIANS 3:16**
 - J. Encourage. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:11**
 - K. Consider and stimulate. **HEBREWS 10:24-25**

MINISTER TO THE LOST – LUKE 19:10

- 1. Recognize the process. **1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7**
 - A. We're either planting, watering or reaping the harvest.
- 2. Remember the three basic “P/s.”
 - A. Practice the faith. To a lawyer, there's a vast difference between testimony and evidence. Don't let Satan tarnish our testimony by ruining our witness. Live right!
 - B. Prayer. Bind the spiritual darkness and call them into the Kingdom.
 - C. Preach. They must hear the gospel message to get saving faith.