



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

Living the Be-Attitudes
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LIVING THE BE-ATTITUDES

Two dimensions – natural and supernatural.

Created the natural and introduced His companion – man.
Natural and supernatural were in unity.

Sin enters the world and they are now separated.

God sends His law and requires sacrifices in order to re-establish the connection.

THEN:

God sends His Son – the ultimate sacrifice for us
TO MAKE US ONE WITH HIM.

His Son pays the price ----leaves His Holy Spirit to help us get in touch with God and appropriate His power in order to live life more fully and advance His kingdom.

The natural and the supernatural together in us.

SO WHY DO SO MANY OF US STRUGGLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS SPIRIT?

Complete this sentence—We were created to.....

WORSHIP!

What does God's Word reveal?

MOSES SAYS WHO AM I?

Exodus 3:11-12

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

GOD ANSWERS

Exodus 3:12

And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

You are a bringer of my people to the mountain.

There they received:

THE LAW (TRUTH) TABLETS
WORSHIP (SPIRIT) TABERNACLE

THEY EXPERIENCED GOD

John 4:23-24

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

SOLOMON— Fear and Obey

It is the key to everything and the gateway to living the Beatitudes.

THE ENEMY ALSO KNOWS THAT.

THREE BARRIERS TO WORSHIP WE NEED TO WORK THROUGH.

1. A SHALLOW OR CAVALIER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

Job 26:7-14

***7 He spreads out the northern skies over empty space;
he suspends the earth over nothing.***

***8 He wraps up the waters in his clouds, yet the clouds do not
burst under their weight.***

***9 He covers the face of the full moon,
spreading his clouds over it.***

***10 He marks out the horizon on the face of the waters
for a boundary between light and darkness.***

***11 The pillars of the heavens quake,
aghast at his rebuke.***

***12 By his power he churned up the sea;
by his wisdom he cut Rahab to pieces.***

***13 By his breath the skies became fair;
his hand pierced the gliding serpent.***

***14 And these are but the outer fringe of his works;
how faint the whisper we hear of him!
Who then can understand the thunder of his power?"***

NKJ – mere edges of His ways

LB -- some of the minor things He does

Good News – only hints of His powers – only whispers. Who can
know how truly great God is?

2. A NARROW THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Extreme Views

The notion that reverence equals a kind of reserve or silence.

Feeds a more intellectual kind of worship.

3. A RELUCTANCE TOWARD SURRENDER

The Greek word for worship is Proskuneo – to prostrate oneself before God. It is not groveling for acceptance—rather acknowledging His worthiness.

WORSHIP means to attach value.

- REQUIRES OVERCOMING OUR PRIDE
- WHAT WILL OTHERS THINK

Psalm 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

2 Chronicles 5:13 *The trumpeters (WORSHIP MUSICIANS) and singers (YOU AND ME) joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud.*

MY WORD—never understand perspective until experience presence.

WORSHIP invites God's presence.

How does this look in the New Testament? –

RULES STILL THERE FOR THE TABERNACLE ARE NOW *IN* US.

OK, so what happened?

Romans 1:21

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

WHAT PAUL DESCRIBES IN ROMANS IS HAPPENING TODAY

The Message puts it this way:

“What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn’t treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives.”

We have evolved a form of INTELLECTUALIZED WORSHIP.

For three quarters of church history, there is no bible.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to worship both in Spirit and in Truth.

OK – How do I live this message?

IN TRUTH—STAY IN THE WORD AND HEED HIS DIRECTION – OBEY!

Romans 12:1-2 *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

THREE THINGS TO CONSIDER AS WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT

1. **SANCTIFY A PLACE**

Wherever you may live— Walk your land.
Establish pillars around it.

Mine:

- Prayer and Praise
- Humbleness and Humility
- Warmth and Welcome
- Protection and Power

2. **BUILD AN ALTAR**

- Pick a spot just like Abraham.
- In old alters they were made up of rocks.
- Elements that were hardened—A result of upheaval.
- You have hard elements in your life.

- You can pack them up and carry them around and they will weigh you down.

- Or you can bring them to your alter – Lay them before God.

3. **WORSHIP THERE DAILY**

- Giving thanks.
- Praising with words and song (Psalms —15 references in the New Testament.) In Acts 16, Paul and Silas were singing and the foundations were shaken.
- Lift up hands —
 - o Abraham in Genesis 14:22, as confession to the Lord.
 - o Moses in Exodus 17:11, in spiritual warfare as Aaron and Hur hold them up—a powerful illustration.
 - o David in Psalm 63:3-4 – in face of death says:I will lift up my hands in your name.
 - o Solomon in **1 Kings 8:54-55-** in reaching out to others.

When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his

hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice...

Now let's stand up and worship with a fresh perspective!