

113 The Object of our Worship—Part Three

[Coming to know God through subjective experiences as recorded in the New Testament]

1] A personal surrender of one's self to God is one of the greatest acts of worship.

It pleases God and brings great satisfaction to our own souls.

I appeal to you ... to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1)

2] Allowing the Holy Spirit to supervise our worship.

A] Asking the Holy Spirit to direct our worship

We ... worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus (Philip. 3:3)

B] In a special wordless highly-emotional way

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

In the OT. 📞📞✍️ (ehawh) Oh! Ah! 'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. (Jer. 32:17)

📞📁✍️ (anakh = to sigh) occurs 24 xs. 📞📞📁 (nakhim = to breath deeply)

Two books in the OT (from the author's name) come from this word, Nahum & Nehemiah
Equivalent = Wow!, Phew!, Whew!, Awesome!, O my!, Well!, What do you know!

C] Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit ... *to another faith by the same Spirit, ... , to another various kinds of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:9-10) Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? (1 Corinthians 14:16)*

3] Learning how to make the giving of thanks and praise a daily practice and pattern

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1

Thess. 5:18) Abounding in thanksgiving. (Col 2:7) Giving thanks always and for

everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Eph. 5:20)

Through Jesus let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. (Hebrews 13:15)

A Persian couplet—"Let every inhalation be thanks and every exhalation, praise."

The last words of Psalms—*May every breath (📞📞📁📞📞) be praise to the LORD (150:6)*

4] Make sure our time of "devotions" is not lacking in devotion and adoration.

Some consider it a time of Bible reading or presenting shopping lists.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

(John 4:21-24) *Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28)*