

MAKE HIM A THRONE

New American Standard: *Yet Thou art holy, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.* In Hebrews 13:15, we are told to offer to the Lord the act of praise. With such offering the lord is well pleased.

Through the inflow of the Spirit we are enabled to bring our imagination back into divine order where it becomes a tool God uses to bring us into the fullness of what God wants us to experience.

Anything we can imagine from the Scriptures can be established in our mind and will be very valuable to us to assist our spirit in its growth in God.

As we praise the Lord, imagine that we are building the habitation God wants to dwell in. When we offer up worship and praise to the Lord, we are literally creating in the spirit the throne upon which He chooses to sit. He is enthroned upon the praises of His people.

We are establishing a shadow upon the earth like it is in heaven so that the Lord is enabled to fill that shadow with Himself.

We want the lordship of Jesus in our spirit to expand so that He becomes the lord of our imagination, our mind and all the gates of our soul.

We ought to consider our worship and praise in a service more from God's viewpoint than from ours. Worship comes from being able to relate to God on His terms, to give Him what He wants, and to please Him.

We come to the Lord and say, "Lord, what do you want?" We can go to the Scriptures and find the answer. For some time God has been searching for something. He is seeking worshipers, those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. The Father is seeking such to worship Him and the search goes on and on.

As we begin to view it more from God's viewpoint than from our own, we come to realize that we are not just praising the Lord to get a blessing, we are not worshiping the Lord because that is the thing to do; we are worshiping Him because we want to please Him. We want to give Him what He has always been seeking.

This is very serious and cannot be stressed too much. If we do not see this, we miss everything the church service is to mean to us. If we realize that we come to please the Lord, we will think the way God is thinking about the situation.

If we come and say, "I must touch God; He must meet my need," we may receive something, but not very much. The people who receive everything are those who forget themselves in their desire to relate to what God is looking for in their lives. They want to genuinely please Him, to give Him worship and praise. That is exactly the way everyone must think. God thinks the same way.

In church we find those who are always looking for what they can get, it is hard to relate to them spiritually. but when someone comes in who wants to really be a blessing, who is only concerned about blessing the church and the Body, about being used of the Lord and finding a way to meet people's needs at all times, we find ourselves being drawn to them.

Our thinking must be reversed, for we don't normally think that way. We are naturally self-centered thinking about our needs first. We need to forget ourselves and seek first the Kingdom of God. And that does not mean that we just seek our place in it. We are seeking for the Kingdom, we are seeking for God's will to be done: "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness, and what happens? All of heaven is attracted to us, blessing overtake us. When we are working for God's interests, we literally project ourselves into a place of forgetting ourselves.

The person who gets a promotion in their company is the person who is genuinely concerned about seeing the company move ahead. They are also the one who gets the raises in salary. Because they are taking care of the company's interests, the company takes care of them. That is the way it works. When we have really learned what this is all about we will come and say, "Lord, we have it all figured out—you want people to worship You, You want people to praise you, and we will be those people."

God is looking for worshipers, lovers, not workers. "Well," you say, "I don't worship much, but I work hard." Then you better take another look at your life, because much of it is not as important as you may think.

It is as we enter into a first love relationship with the Lord that everything else flows out of that.

We enter into a walk with God to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. As we are faithful in a few things He will make us ruler over many (Matthew 25:21). We are not in a walk with God because we are looking for the easy way. We want our lives to please the Lord. We

desire whatever He wants. If He says, “Here son, I can trust you because you are looking after my interests; I will put you over ten cities,” then those ten cities will glorify God and do the will of the Lord. We occupy the seat, our throne because our delight is to please the Lord.

We Worship the Lord first of all and give Him everything within our heart. He is enthroned upon the praises of His people. We create the throne from which He is pleased to rule. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is inevitably tied in with real living worship.

Because He is Lord, we worship Him, we recognize His authority, we magnify and praise Him, and we surrender all of our life and all our interests to Him. He is enthroned upon those praises, upon the worship we give Him. It is not the sound we make, but the spirit behind it, that is important. We can worship and praise and sing, and still never really focus on the Lord. We can get into a rut if we are not careful. We have to be literally projected into the spirit to see the Lord and to worship Him and know what we are doing.

For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh. Philippians 3:3. Circumcision seals the hearts of God’s people. God does that for His worshipers as He circumcises their hearts and cuts away the problem.

As we enthrone Him in our praises and worship, we will begin to notice what God does for us in return. He is looking for worshipers and when He gets one He works him over and makes him His son.

We need to worship and praise Him until our praise has formed a beautiful mystical golden throne upon which He is enthroned in our life. A worshiper never lives alone. If God inhabits their praises, they are always aware of someone with them.

When we come into worship, it is very necessary that we get rid of any restraints and open our spirit completely to the Lord. We have to get rid of any distraction that keeps us focused in another direction.

In the coming days there will be only one thing to encourage us, and that is the presence of the Lord. This is the day of the Parousia. In the midst of all the adversities, the fire will not kindle on us nor do the waters overwhelm us because He will be present with us. His presence will make the difference. We don't dare to live without an awareness of the Lord. We don't dare to live without an open spirit that is continually worshiping the Lord. As we worship, we keep our mind focused on the Lord and resist everything that would distract us or change our focus.

We set our will and determine to take dominion over our mind. We do not permit our mind to wander away from the Lord.

In the midst of the worship, we will notice blessings coming to us. God will judge the things that have oppressed and come against us. This is a good time to throw the viper into the fire and cast off the things that have been harassing us.

As we worship, we need to be aware that we are refusing to give place or even a contact to any demon power. We throw it off in the name of the Lord. God does not want us drained or debilitated of all our spiritual strength by those living off of someone else's life instead

of getting something from God themselves. It is a kind of vampirism and is satanic in the way it takes hold.

We must concentrate on the flow as God directs it. Then we can break down every barrier and bring release, doing the thing that God wants done because all the spiritual force is concentrated in that direction, and is not being dissipated in many different directions where it should not go.