

Suzanna Bond's lecture outline – lesson 4

GOD – THE OBJECT OF WORSHIP

Psalms 47, 65, 66, 96, 113, 117, 134, 138, 145, 150

(Pray)

1. Look what God has done for you! (He has given us Worship)
 - A. Worship is an expression of life. Worship comes from what has been given life.
 - 1) We are the musical instruments that make the concert of praise music.
 - B. Worship is the holiday of Thanksgiving
 - 1) It takes preparation.
 - a) Christ prepares us to worship
 1. He made the climb (ascended to God's throne)
 2. He paved the way from Abraham to Moses to the Cross.
 - 2) It takes remembrance.
 - a) Christ gave us the Communion Supper
 - b) Speak gratitude: define testimony
"a formal written or spoken statement"
 - evidence or proof provided by evidence
 - "Can I get a witness" – a worship holiday needs a witness.
 - C. Worship is a Home
 - 1) A living temple. (Ps. 88:10 Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?)
 - a) 2 Cor. 6:16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them and I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Baptism/Vow – Oct 11th service)

b) overflowing with living water. (John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture* has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." *that Scripture may be referring to Zechariah 14:8 referencing the cross on the Mount of Olives (look this up, ladies, see what a strong evidence the Mount of Olives is to the Messiah!)

2. Tell your story!

A. Since we are living, now is the time to speak out our testimony. Briefly tell my testimony: home life, Christian influence, baptism (my vow), working out my salvation

3. Experience God's living heartbeat

A. We are in the forever now that hears (feels, knows) His heartbeat "he carries them close to His heart"; his arms "gathers them in his arms"; kinship "gently leads those that have young."

B. Don't be deceived by a hard heart that only sees hardness from God; the discipline of justice; the wrath that comes from passion (what more can be done for those who refuse God's love?)

C. The living God continues to give living water to barren women – many children (he leads those that have young. Are you still a mother of "young?"); the mystery of God conceives with the Holy Spirit (consider Mary)

4. Rest in what you cannot see: Mystery

A. Trust . . . because of what we can see (since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (praise the Lord you clouds ps. 148:8)

B. Watch . . . night and day (rest does not always mean sleep – read psalm 130)

C. Confidence . . . God keeps his promises (Call to me and I will tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know Jer. 33:3; the Lord confides in those who fear him. God draws us into his mystery. He is endlessly fascinating. New every morning. God wants us to be at home with unanswered questions. We should ask

. . . you will receive. Trials show us we can receive whatever the Lord gives us. God always gives what is good.

5. Increase your vocabulary

A. a concerto in four movements: Presto, allegro, adagio, allegretto (conversion, trials, trust . . . in quietness and trust is your strength, endurance . . . just the joy set before him Christ endured.

B. Theme and variation – my instrument of choice – HORN. God's testimony gives us our testimony to give others their testimony.