

Theme 2015 Music Workshop

He Inhabits the Praise of His People

Psalm 22:3

Day 1- **Is something missing?** Intimacy with God is not a constant. Sometimes for chastisement and sometimes for testing, we are found to be in an emotional state that suggests to our soul that we are far away from God. The verse declaring a belief that God inhabits the praise of His people immediately follows the woe filled cry: “My God, My God, Why has thou forsaken me” (Psalm 22:1) Hope filled praise is the remedy for the barren forsaken soul. When Jonah found himself in the fish belly of hell he turned toward Jerusalem and the Temple. When Daniel was exiled to Babylon he faced Jerusalem to pray. When God “is missing”, He can be found in the praise and worship of His name amongst His people and in His Church.

Day 2- **God is pleased to dwell with men.** There are two words that translators use to translate the Hebrew of Psalm 22:3. Some, as the King James translators do, translate that God inhabits the praises of Israel. Others say that He is “enthroned on” the praises of His people. Both concepts are correct and we will study them both. On day two we focus on the reality that God “tabernacles” with man. Jesus was also known as Emmanuel, God with us. Day two will focus on the evidences of God’s Word that show he is pleased to inhabit the praises of His people. We note the clouds of glory that appeared in both the tabernacle and temple. We also note the sending of the earthquake in the midst of Paul and Silas’s offering of midnight praise.

3- **God is Enthroned in the Praise** On day three we will study our need to praise God in the manner that is due Him. God is said to be enthroned in the praise of His people. As he dwells among us in our praise, He dwells as a King. The Power and majesty worthy of a Sovereign is to be present in our minds and words as we offer our praise to the Lord. When we praise God properly, the participants are lifted up and blessed with the presence of our Awesome God. As we sing of His power He shows Himself in power. Proper praise instructs us to see God as the Everlasting King Who rules in heaven and on earth.

Suggested Scriptures Day 1

Psalms 22:1-3 To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. My God, my God, **why hast thou forsaken me?** why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? 2 O my God, **I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.** 3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Jonah 2:2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

Jonah 2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and **his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem,** he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Acts 16:23-25 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 And **at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:** and the prisoners heard them.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 **Comfort your hearts, and stablish you** in every good word and work.

Jeremiah 33:10-11 Thus saith the LORD; Again **there shall be heard in this place,** which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, 11 **The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD.** For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

Suggested Scriptures Day 2

2 Chronicles 6:18 But **will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth?** behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; **and the glory of the LORD filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.** And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 9:11 **Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion:** declare among the people his doings.

Psalms 99:1-3 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: **he sitteth between the cherubims;** let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

2 Chronicles 5:12-14 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and **when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud,** even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

Exodus 40:34-35 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Psalms 46:4-5 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,** and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Suggested Scriptures Day 3

Psalms 63:1-4 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; 2 **To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.** 3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 **Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.** 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Psalms 29:1-2 A Psalm of David. Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 **Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Acts 2:2-11 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and **it filled all the house where they were sitting.** 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, **we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.**

Psalms 43:3-5 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God. 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for **I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.**

Psalms 18:3 **I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:** so shall I be saved from mine enemies.