

Preparing for Worship

Highland Baptist Church of Hickory, NC

The Lord's Day

March 6, 2011

Ways to Use This Worship Preparation Page

Print it out on Thursday or Friday and take it home. Put it in your Bible as a reference for Sunday.

Use it as a **family devotion** on Saturday.

Use it as a **personal devotion** on Sunday morning.

Give it to a guest you are inviting to come to the services this weekend.



This Week's Memory Passage

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It's obvious today that we live in a time and culture in which traditional MARRIAGE, as taught in the Scriptures, is under assault. God created man, woman, marriage, and family. Yet, society believes that they have a better idea. During our series, “***Celebrate and Elevate Marriage***,” we will take a journey through the Scriptures, studying what the Author of marriage has to say on the subject. Now is an opportune moment to take a good, hard look at Biblical marriage and why God's way is the way of blessing for the family today.

- Pastor Jesse



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Pray for our Leaders this week...

Preaching
Pastor Jesse Lott

Reading Scripture
Bruce Caldwell

Children's Worship
Charlie Sisti
Children's Worship Staff

Leading Prayer
Steve Gaddy
Bryan Barrineau

Music
Kenny Robison
JoyMakers Choir
Worship Team
Instrumentalists

Technical Crew
SOUND—Kevin Barlow
VIDEO—Katie Flandreau

MUSIC MINISTRY

What will we be singing on Sunday?

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

“Hallelujah”

“I Sing Praises”

“Here We Are”
HBC Worship Team

“We Ought To Praise Him”
HBC Worship Choir

I will sing unto the Lord



as long as I live....

Psalm 104:33

“I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever; to all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.”

-Psalm 89:1

“The whole import and substance of the Bible teaches us that the God who does not need anything nevertheless desires the adoration and worship of His created children.” -A.W. Tozer

(from “Whatever Happened To Worship?” by A.W. Tozer)

“Worship?” Oh, yeah—that’s that thing we do at church on Sunday morning. Everybody knows that!

Don’t think so.

WORSHIP can be a very subjective term, falling prey to each person’s own definition that is subject only to his experience, or lack of experience. Worship is not a mystical wonder that we can’t wrap our minds around.

The Bible is clear when it speaks of worship. We read of Abraham worshipping God in the same book in which Jesus worships God. When Joshua made it across the Jordan into the land God promised, he worshipped. The prophets of old, the patriarchs of the past, the New Testament authors, and the writers about the future lend their God-given thoughts to us on worship.

Creation in itself, the very handiwork of God, commands worship. God has revealed Himself to us through His incredible works of creation, and He continues to do so. When He poured Himself on the tabernacle offering in the midst of the Israelites, they SHOUTED (worship) and FELL on their faces (worship). When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, He worshipped.

So, does worship take place during Sunday morning singing? Yes. During the pastor’s sermon? Yes. When we give our tithes and offerings? Yes. When the Handyman Ministry paints the nursery walls? Yes. When someone takes a meal to the grieving? Yes. When you look in awe at a peach bud that’s about to burst into bloom? Yes. When you obey guidance from the Holy Spirit? Yes.

Worship is more than we give it credit for. It is an obedient response to God and His character, His works, His love. And as Pastor Tozer has reminded us—God desires our worship. He Who is Creator and Master of the Hosts of Heaven eternal... He wants me to respond to Who He is.

Begin worship *now*. We’ll gather on Sunday to worship *together!*

Kenny

