

Sermon Title: The Fundamental Principle of Adoration in Prayer

Sermon Text: Psalm 116

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to develop a heart of adoration in prayer, unto a great and awesome God.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 precepts of adoration in prayer.

Introduction: This is an intensely personal “adoration” psalm to the Lord for saving the psalmist from death. This psalm deals with physical death, the same psalm could be sung or prayed by those who have been saved from spiritual death. Webster defines adoration as, 1) The act of paying homage to a divine being; 2) Honor paid to one held in high esteem. To feel or express reverent admiration for fervent devotions and affection.

“I got up early one morning And rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish That I didn’t have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, And heavier came each task; “Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered. He answered, “You didn’t ask.” I wanted to see joy and beauty, But the day toiled on gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn’t show me. He said, “But you didn’t seek.” I tried to come into God’s presence; I used all my keys in the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, “My child, you didn’t knock.” I woke up early this morning, And paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish That I had to take time to pray.” – Author Unknown (The New Encyclopedia of Christian Quotations)

I. The passions of prayerful adoration. V.1-2

II. The principles of prayerful adoration. V.3-11

- A. God is worthy of prayerful adoration because He delivered us from spiritual death. V.3
- B. God is worthy of prayerful adoration because He delivered us from spiritual destitution. V.4-6
- C. God is worthy of prayerful adoration because He delivered us from spiritual distress. V.7-11
 - 1. Believers can repent and rest because God delivers from spiritual despair. V.7-8
 - 2. Believers can repent and rest because God delivers from spiritual disobedience. V.9
 - 3. Believers can repent and rest because God delivers from spiritual distrust. V.10-11

III. The promises of prayerful adoration. V.12-19

- A. The promise to give prayerful adoration purposefully. V.12-14
- B. The promise to give prayerful adoration publicly. V.15-19