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## ADORATION: PRAYER AS WORSHIP

One of my favorite hymns is *Redeemed*. One of the stanzas, once in your mind, will bless you when you bring it up on your mental screen. “I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long; I sing for I cannot be silent, His love is the theme of my song.” Then the chorus: “Redeemed, Redeemed; Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed, Redeemed, His child and forever I am.” “**Think[ing] of Him all the day long**” encapsulates the essence of worship in prayer.

In 1993, Sue and I had the privilege of traveling to Australia to conduct a series of prayer seminars. Several friends, prior to our leaving for “down under,” cautioned us about having too high expectations and not to be overly disappointed if the response was different from what we had experienced in other nations. We found the very opposite. Attendance was strong and the response from God’s people was tremendous. We were blessed beyond words at the reception we were given.

### A letter and a gift

On January 7, 1994, a package from Australia arrived in our office in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I discerned immediately that the Lord had something special to say to me. The letter was from **Jack Edwards**. The

gift was a book written by A. P. Gibbs entitled **Worship: The Christian’s Highest Occupation**. Here is the letter:

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

I was not present at your meetings at the Redcliff Assembly as I was at another meeting. I received your prayer tapes and a copy of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** from the elders and have enjoyed listening and reading the material.

I have been praying since I became a Christian and I know that prayer works. What surprised me is how God has raised up so many men to teach on the subject of prayer (such as Dick Eastman’s *Change the World Prayer Ministries* and Don Miller’s *Bible Based Praying*) and there are very little repeats in any of their messages like some other subjects.

I feel there is not enough emphasis put on worship, our highest occupation. “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve” (**Matthew 4:10**). I do not know whether you have read **Worship: The Christian’s Highest Occupation**. I have enclosed a copy. Also, please read **His Majesty** by Jack Hayford (published by Word, Inc., Waco Texas).

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Jack Edwards

## A CALL TO WORSHIP

“Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.” Psalm 95:6-7

At that time, I, too, became interested in studying more carefully the area of worship. Worship is one of the main themes of the Bible, and is something that is of tremendous importance in the lives of God's children. My studies culminated in my writing a book entitled **Adoration: Prayer as Worship**. While there is a need to look at worship overall, my interest continues to be the worship aspect of prayer. The more I study, the more firmly I believe that the doctrine of prayer is the integrating doctrine of the Bible. At the very moment of salvation, we want to talk to our Father because the Spirit produces from our human lips the cry, "Abba! Father!" "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying out, 'Abba! Father!'" (**Galatians 4:4-7**).

### Asking

One dimension of prayer is asking. That's plain; nobody can deny that unless he denies the Scriptures. This truth is clearly seen in the word "pray" in **2 Chronicles 7:14**, a word that means "ask" when the petitioner wants God's hand to move and for Him to do something. Failing to ask (or pray) is one reason we do not receive things from God (**James 4:2b**). A Christian is to order his life, moment by moment, around prayer expressing dependence on God and asking for Him to work in his life. **Charles Spurgeon** caught the significance of asking when he pointed out that the rule of the Kingdom is asking, and God did not even change that rule for His Son when He was on earth.

But asking is only one aspect of prayer, and it's not even the most important aspect. **A. W. Tozer** understood a profound truth when he cried: "God, if Thou dost never answer another prayer while I live on this earth, I will still worship Thee as long as I live and in the ages to come for what Thou hast done already."

The danger we all face during our quiet time is failing to seek God Himself in His fullness and majesty. Many of us tend to think of worship simply as singing hymns

and praising God on Sunday morning. We forget we need to worship Him during our quiet hour, as well as throughout the days and nights. Adoration in your prayer time is when you look at God loving Him for who He is.

### Worshiping Him

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" (**Psalms 48:1**). "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God..." (**Psalms 95:6-7a**). The practice of prayer is grounded in the very nature of God. In a prayer of adoration, you express your deep feelings toward God in response to what you have learned about His love, wisdom, presence, power, knowledge, grace, greatness, majesty, and His other divine attributes. An attribute of God is whatever God has in any way revealed as being true of Himself. An attribute is whatever may be correctly ascribed to God. He alone possesses the attributes that merit our worship and service. Among these attributes are goodness (**Psalms 100:4-5**), mercy (**Exodus 4:31**), holiness (**Psalms 99:5,9**), creative power (**Romans 4:11**) and many more.

Worship is the way we express intimacy in our corporate and personal relationship with God. Because God is special, worship is special too. True worship celebrates the Lord, and honors Him for His many marvelous qualities. There is no doubt that God wanted His people, Israel, to love and worship Him. He wants us to do the same.

Broadly speaking, any act by which we express deep respect for God is an act of worship. Israel was instructed to establish a central sanctuary. "Seek the place your God will choose" (**Deuteronomy 12:1-32**). The Lord gave Israel instructions in different aspects of their worship in the place that He had appointed (**vv 11-12**). Then they were to reject idolatry (**13:1-18**) and pagan rites (**14:1-2**). They were to honor dietary laws (**vv 3-21**), faithfully pay tithes (**vv 22-29**) and to forgive debts and release Hebrew slaves every seventh year (**15:1-18**). The Israelites

were, also, to set first born animals apart to the Lord (**vv 19-23**) and faithfully observe religious festivals (**16:1-17**).

We, too, are to worship God. But do we have to confine our worship to a set place? The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, has answered that question.

### **The matter of worship**

Although we can certainly appreciate God's provision and direction for ancient Israel's worship, Jesus has come to earth. He Himself explained to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Sychar what God is seeking. He explained that God is seeking people to worship Him in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**).

Samaria was on the direct route from Judea to Galilee. But few Jesus ever took this direct route. The region of Samaria was so despised by the Jewish people that they often took a very roundabout route through Perea (on the east side of the Jordan River) to get north to Galilee. At a time when orthodox Jews would not even set their feet in Samaria, but would go into Perea when they traveled from Galilee to Judea, Jesus informed His disciples, "I must needs go through Samaria." That statement, within itself, must have surely given the disciples pause since Jews were reluctant to travel through Samaria, whose population was mixed, half-Jewish and half-Gentile, and were considered as inferior.

Traveling into Samaria, Jesus and His entourage came to a little village called Sychar. Not far from that village was a plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph (**Genesis 48:22**). A spring known as Jacob's well was there. This ancient well can still be seen by visitors, being one of the few biblical sites that can be identified positively today. It was about noon when they reached the well. His disciples went into town to purchase food. Jesus was weary as a result of their long walk, and so He sat down by the well. Although Jesus was God the Son, He was also a Man. As God, He could never

have become weary, but as Man, He did.

A woman came out from the village to draw water Remember that it was the middle of the day. The fact that the Samaritan woman came at the hottest part of the day is suggestive within itself. It was traditional for the women to come in the early morning to draw water. But this woman was an immoral sinner, and she may have chosen this time out of a sense of shame because she knew that there would be no other women there to see her. Of course, the Lord Jesus knew all along that she would be at the well at this time. He knew that she was a soul in need, and so He determined to meet her and rescue her from her sinful life.

There is much that is helpful in studying the encounter with the woman that led to her conversion (**John 4:1-30**). For example, I have used this passage to explore techniques of personal evangelism. In this passage, we find the master soul-winner at work, and we do well to study the methods He used to bring this woman to a sense of her need and to offer her the solution to her problem. The information Jesus imparted related to worship is relevant to present study

The woman recognized Jesus as a Jew, and was amazed that He would speak to her, a Samaritan, asking for a drink of water. The Samaritans claimed descent from Jacob, and looked on themselves as true Israelites. Actually, they were of mixed Jewish and Gentile descent. Mount Gerizim had been adopted as their official place of worship. This mountain was clearly visible to the Lord and this woman as they talked together. The Jews had a deep dislike for the Samaritans considering them half-breeds. The conversation that ensued is amazing as Jesus used this occasion to lead her, step by step, to see the sinful life she had lived.

Only those who know themselves to be lost can be saved. All men are lost, but not all are willing to admit it. In seeking to win people for Christ, we must never avoid the sin question. They must be brought face to face with the fact that they are dead in

trespasses and sins, need a Savior, cannot save themselves, that Jesus is the Savior they need, and, He will save them if they repent of their sin and trust in Him.

When her life was laid open before her, the woman realized that the One speaking to her was not an ordinary person. However, she did not realize that He was God. The highest estimation she could form of Him was that he was a prophet, a spokesman for God.

For purpose of our study on worship, the focus will be on a very insightful statement that Jesus made during his discourse: “The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth’” (vv 19-24). It is important to study carefully this passage, which is the most profound passage in the New Testament on worship.

Jesus informed the woman that, with His coming, God no longer had a certain place on earth for worship. Now those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ can worship God at any time and in any place. True worship means that a believer enters the presence of God by faith and there praises and worships Him. Although a person may be physically in a variety of locations, his spirit can draw near to God in heaven’s Throne Room by faith. Jesus announced to the woman that from that point on worship of the Father would be in spirit and truth.

The Jewish people had reduced worship to outward forms and ceremonies. They thought that by religiously adhering to the letter of the Old Testament law, and going

through established rituals, they were worshiping the Father. But theirs was not a worship of the spirit. It was outward, not inward. Their bodies might have been bowed down on the ground, but their hearts were not right before God.

The Samaritans, on the other hand, had a form of worship, but it was false with no scriptural authority. They had started their own religion and were carrying out ordinances of their own creation. Thus, when Jesus said that worship must be in spirit and truth, He was rebuking both Jews and Samaritans. But He was also informing them that, now that He had come, it was possible for man to draw near to God through Him in true and sincere worship. Ponder this statement: **The Father is seeking such to worship Him.** God is interested in the adoration of His people. As we have our daily time of worship, we need to include adoration that is in spirit and in truth.

God is not a mere man, subject to all the errors and limitations of humanity. He is an invisible Person who is all-knowing and all-powerful. He is perfect in all His ways. Matthew Henry noted that we can never add to “God’s perfections.” He will never be any greater than He already is. Therefore, those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. There must be no sham or hypocrisy. There must be no pretense to being spiritual, when inwardly one’s life is corrupt. There must be no idea that in going through a series of rituals, God will be pleased. Even if God instituted those rituals Himself, He still insists that man approach Him with a broken and contrite heart, a heart that is humble. Notice that if a person is going to worship, he “must” (v 24) worship in spirit and in truth.

Before anyone can worship in spirit and in truth, he must have within him the One whose name is the Holy Spirit and the “Spirit of truth” (John 14:17). He lives only within those who have come to Christ in repentance and faith. Without Him, true worship will not happen. Having the Holy Spirit residing within us does not guarantee that we will

always worship in spirit and truth, but it does mean we can.

When the disciples returned from Sychar they found Jesus talking with the woman. They were surprised that He would speak to her, for she was a Samaritan. Also, they could possibly discern that she was a sinful woman. Yet no one asked the Lord what he was seeking from the woman or why He was talking with her. “The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city...” (v 28) and began to tell others about her encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. She left her waterpot, which symbolized her old life and the things she had used in an effort to satisfy her deepest longings. They had all failed. Now that she had found the Lord Jesus, she had no more need for the things that had formerly been so prominent in her life. It is true always that whenever a person is saved, he or she immediately begins to think of others who are in need of the water of life. Her witness was simple but effective.

Doubtless this woman was well known in the village for her sin and shame. How startling it must have been for the people to see her standing in the public places bearing public witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. Her testimony was effective. The people of the village left their homes and their work and began to go out to find Jesus.

You and I need to approach worship with respect and great care. The God we come to honor is worthy of our best. Anything less is unacceptable to Him. True worship requires reverence. This includes the honor and respect directed toward the Lord in thought or feeling. We must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The term “spirit” speaks of the personal nature of worship. It is from my person to God’s Person and involves my total self mind (intellect), emotions (feelings), and will (where we make decisions). The word “truth” speaks of the content of worship. God is pleased when we worship Him, understanding His true character. We dare not separate worship from the Word of God,

for we must worship in truth. The better we know the Scriptures, the better we will be able to praise God. The Word of God and prayer must always go together (**John 15:7, Acts 6:4**), and so must prayer and obedience (**Psalms 66:18**).

### Definitions

The Hebrew word, *shachah*, and the Greek word, *proskuneō*, are both translated “worship” and mean to “bow down” or “prostrate ourselves” in the sense of submitting to God’s will. Moses bowed down before God in worship on Mt. Sinai when God came to inscribe the tablets (**Exodus 34:5-8**). *Proskuneō* can be translated as “to fall down and worship,” “to do obeisance to,” “to prostrate oneself before,” “to do reverence to.” In the New Testament, *proskuneō* is used for the reverence of a slave toward his master (**Matthew 18:26**), Cornelius toward Peter (**Acts 10:25**), but it is used especially with reference to the worship of God (**Matthew 4:10, 1 Corinthians 14:25, Revelation 7:11**), of Jesus as Messianic King (**Matthew 2:2, 8, 11**) and the Risen Lord (**Matthew 28:9, 17**). When people of biblical times clearly saw the unveiled glory of God, they could not help but fall prostrate in worship. Examples of this response can be seen in the actions of Paul (**Acts 9:3-6**) and John (**Revelation 1:9-17**).

Worship is falling on our faces before God. Think of that activity! I question whether any person who has never been on his face before God has ever been very close to God. You would be hard pressed to find any of the key persons in Scripture who had

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not been on their faces before God. The most secure place for any of us is on our faces before God.

The single most important act of worship for the Christian is the unqualified presentation of self to God as an obedient servant. This dedication involves the body and the mind (**Romans 12:1-2**) the body because it contains the tools by which the will of God is carried out, the mind because it coordinates the actions to be executed by the body. When these are gladly devoted to God, they become instruments by which He effects His will on earth. Such faithful and joyous service makes one's entire life a performance of worship. This is what the Lord Jesus Christ did, perfectly, on the Cross.

God commands us to worship Him, We are to "Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!) (**1 Chronicles 16:29**). Jesus Himself said we are to worship God only (**Matthew 4:10**). The first four of the Ten Commandments, which are also the longest, clearly charge men to worship the one true God and Him alone (**Exodus 20:3-10**). Our adoration must be reserved for God, not for projects, ministries, or works done in His name. To allow any person or thing to usurp the position of lordship over us constitutes gross disobedience to the will of God and incurs His terrible wrath (**Exodus 20:5, Deuteronomy 27:15**). When you are in His will, the desire to praise Him will come naturally.

Worship rises or falls with our concept of God. The image is one of showing utmost respect. You cannot worship a Being you cannot trust. Worship is primarily an attitude, a state of mind, subject to degrees of perfection and intensity (running from the very simple to most intense and sublime). The quality of worship intrinsically is associated with one's attitude of heart. The believer who approaches God with a recognition and appreciation of who He is and what He has

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## NOTES from my BIBLE



**Note 2036.** Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has courage to lose sight of the shore.

**Note 2037.** On God's garden of love, you are God's forget-me-not.

**Note 2038.** God is the only unchangeable reality and the ultimate reward of those who love and serve Him.

**Note 2039.** Wherever you are, God will be there, and He will never be taken by surprise.

**Note 2040.** In weighty matters, wait on God. And count nothing too light to be brought to His mercy seat. -C. Spurgeon

**Note 2035.** Leave tomorrow's trouble to tomorrow's strength; tomorrow's work to tomorrow's time; tomorrow's trial to tomorrow's grace and tomorrow's God.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

May 27--June 21, 2011

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South Africa	3	<u>200.00</u>
Total	44	3,106.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Welcome, New Doorkeepers  
Ivy Early (NC)  
Dave Ricker (ME)

## PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2011

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



### FRIDAY, JULY 1

**PROV 1-4 Ethiopia 85.2M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)  
Zane & Burman Abbott (VA)  
Burnace Abrams (OH)  
Marie Adams (VA)  
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
Norma Ailes (NJ)  
H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)  
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

### SATURDAY, JULY 2

**PROV 5-9 (Euro Union 491.5M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)  
Leonor Avila (MD)  
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)  
Consuela Baker (NC)  
Carolyn Barkley (NY)  
Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)  
Wendy Barthel (IL)  
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

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Jean Beasley (TN)  
Frank Bell (TN)  
Tommy Bell (TN)  
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)  
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Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

### MONDAY, JULY 4

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William & Debbie Bowden (NC)  
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Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)  
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Mary Ann Brown (GA)  
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### TUESDAY, JULY 5

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Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)  
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
George & Carol Buck (NJ)  
Janice Bugg (TN/CHINA)  
James L. Burke (IL)  
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)  
Laura Cannon (FL)  
Pat & Cindy Caparossi (MI)

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**PROV 18-21 (Fiji 5.3M)**

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Margarie Coffee (VA)  
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)  
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Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

### FRIDAY, JULY 8

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Ivy Early (NC)  
Walt Edwards (NC)  
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
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Evalena Enoch (VA)  
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Lynne Farrow (NJ)  
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### SATURDAY, JULY 9

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Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
Estelle Gabbard (KY)  
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
Carole B. Garvin (PA)  
Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)

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### SUNDAY, JULY 10

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Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)  
Chad, Windy, Caleb Goodner (OK)  
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Odether Gray (GA)  
Linda Gregory (UT)  
Charles Hale (VA)  
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Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

### MONDAY, JULY 11

**ECCLES 1-6 (Gabon 1.5M)**

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J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)  
Jacqueline Henry (VA)  
Jamey Henry (MS)  
Mark Henry (TN)  
Melody Henry (VA)  
Roger Henry (OH)  
Susan Henry (TN)  
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)  
Joanna Holland (VA)  
John & Glenda Holland (VA)

### TUESDAY, JULY 12

**ECCLES 7-12 (Gambia 1.8M)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)  
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)  
Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
Joyce Hunt (TN)  
Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
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Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
Millicent John (NY)  
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

### THURSDAY, JULY 14

**ISA 67-72 (Georgia 4.6M)**

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Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)  
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
Jean Jonte (SC)  
Shem, Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)  
Moham Katta (IL)  
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

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 Soma Kovoov (TX)  
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 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)  
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 Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)  
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 Deborah Mathias (NY)  
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

**MONDAY, JULY 18**

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 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)  
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 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

**ISA 98-103 (Greece 10.7M)**  
 French and Laura Moore (VA)  
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 Katherine Morgan (VA)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

**THURSDAY, JULY 21**

**ISA 104-106 (Greenland 57,680)**  
 Ann Palumbo (PA)  
 Ellen Paulson (MN)  
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)  
 Sandy Pederson (MI)  
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
 Mildred Pittman (NC)  
 Ben Poplin (VA)  
 Ayers Porter (TN)  
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
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**FRIDAY, JULY 22**

**ISA 107-110 (Grenada 90,739)**  
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 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)  
 John Reed (NH)  
 Dave Ricker (ME)  
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)  
 Cynthia Roach (VA)  
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

**ISA 111-119 (Guam 178,430)**  
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 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 David & Amy Ross (KY)  
 Sandra Rumore (VA)  
 Denise Russell (OR)  
 John Saint (PA)  
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)  
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

**SUNDAY, JULY 24**

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 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)  
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Wonsub.YoungMi Sheen (Korea)  
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)  
 Eric Farel, Pastor  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)  
 Mary Skiles (KS)

**MONDAY, JULY 25**

**ISA 120-127 (Guatemala 13.3M)**  
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**

**PSALM 119 (Guernsey 65,484)**

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)  
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

**ISA 128-134 (Guinea 10.1M)**  
 Earline Thigpen (TN)  
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)  
 Montez Thompson (CO)  
 Paula Tipton (TN)  
 Virginia Trask (VA)  
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)  
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)

**THURSDAY, JULY 28**

**ISA 135-139 (Guin-Bissau 1.5M)**  
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)  
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)  
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Shawn & Denise Untersee (IL)  
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

**FRIDAY, JULY 29**

**ISA 140-145 (Guyana 752,940)**  
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)  
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
 Doris Snyder Vernnall (FL)  
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)  
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

**ISA 140-145(Haiti 9M))**  
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)  
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)  
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Elijah Williams (NJ)  
 Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

**ISA 146-150 (Estonia 1.3M)**  
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 The Word Church (NJ)  
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor  
 Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)



accomplished on his behalf can truly praise God. True worship always involves the element of thanksgiving. One's capacity for worship is directly proportionate to his ability to be thankful and praise God no matter what the circumstance.

The Lord calls us to adore Him with our heart, soul, and mind (**Matthew 22:37**). To worship means to awaken the mind to the holiness of God. So when we open our heart to His love, feed our mind with His truth, and devote our will to His purpose, then we achieve true worship. Abiding in the Lord is not a matter of geography, for we can worship and love Him wherever we are.

### Adoration: Prayer as Worship

There is no better way to *begin* a time of prayer than by expressing praise to God. Adoration is looking at God and praising Him for who He is. Adoration is loving God. David, the psalmist, said, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (**Psalm 34:1**). *Praise is the most important element of prayer, the Christian's highest occupation.* It brings you into the Throne Room to spend time before the Father, on His throne. A-doration prepares you to move to the other elements of prayer C-onfession; T-hanksgiving; S-eeing for self, petition, and for others, intercession. Is this an important distinction? If you study the **Model Prayer**, you will find that the first half is devoted this very matter. Sadly, it is often the most neglected part of prayer. When this is true in a person's life, it does not have to continue to be so.

The intent of this study is to encourage believers to include a period of worship in their daily prayer times. Not only do we need to involve ourselves in corporate worship gathering together with God's children, we need to be sure to include a time of looking at God and loving Him for who He is in our prayer time. Our worship, although vitally important, will never change God. Praise will not change God; rather, praise changes us and motivates us to walk with Him intimately and

trust Him completely. As we love Him, we will sense His love for us. That phenomenon will make a difference.

Keep this article. I will build on it in the August **Reflector** when I plan on sharing practical ideas to use to worship during your prayer time. May you be blessed.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## Itinerary

*"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."*

**2 Thessalonians 3:1**

### July

- 23-24 Prayer Seminar  
Harmony Baptist Church  
Elgin SC
- 31 Prayer Seminar  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Amherst VA

### April

**12-29 Prayer Seminars-South Africa  
FreeState**

- **QwaQwa**
- **Harrismith**
- **Bethlehem**
- **Kestell**
- **Ficksburg**
- **Ladybrand**
- **Clocolan**
- **Bloemfontein**
- **Botshabelo**
- **Hoopsted**
- **Wesselsbron**
- **Welkom**

**TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE  
AVAILABILITY OF THE PRAYER  
SEMINAR MINISTRY.**

## A tribute

### Dorothy Spickard Biddle (December 18, 1920-June 16, 2011)

- Master teacher
- Friend and Mentor
- Doorkeeper

It all started during the school year, 1949-50, my freshman year in **White Pine (TN) High School**. Actually, in many ways I was a “different” person because I trusted Christ as my personal Savior when I was in the eighth grade. In my freshman year, I came under the influence of a master teacher, **Dorothy Spickard**, and could hardly wait for the next civics class. She was the first teacher to challenge my intellectual possibilities. Prior to this time, my report card contained a few “E’s” (representing excellence in accomplishment), but mostly “S’s” (signifying satisfactory work). Not so after I came under the influence of **Miss Spickard**. She challenged me to a higher level of scholarship. For the next four years, she led me to a level of scholarship that served me well during my undergraduate and graduate days. Not only was my work “satisfactory,” it merited high grades that resulted in my being the salutatorian in my graduating class in 1953. The one blemish was a “C” in a physical education course in my freshman year. I remedied that by joining the football team.

**Dorothy Spickard** was one whose friendship I cherished. One day in my freshman year, I exhibited a poor attitude in her presence. A movie was being shown in the auditorium, but I chose not to go. She kept the study hall and had work of her own to do. A few of my friends and I began a conversation (which was forbidden). Her response was to look up, which should have been enough, but we kept whispering. She looked up again and that glance silenced us. My response was haughtiness. When we left the room, she beckoned me and simply said, “I thought

you were my friend.” That broke my heart and my spirit. I quickly apologized and she accepted it, but I had moved to a higher level of respect because of this encounter out of love. She loved me and I loved her. She was a woman of faith and encouraged me in my Christian walk. When I invited her to attend a revival meeting in our church, she was there sitting with me. She was my friend, as well as my teacher.

As the years moved along, the issue of college was raised. Since I came from a family whose financial resources were limited, two people encouraged me to overcome. One was my mother who taught me two things that influence me. One was “where there is a will, there is a way” and the other was “if anything is worth having, it is worth working for” simple, for sure, but profound in my life. The other was **Miss Spickard**. She was a graduate of **Berea College (KY)** and had attended **Duke (NC)**. I decided that those were two institutions that I wanted to attend. She arranged for a recruiter from **Berea College** to visit me. The genius of **Berea College** is that everyone must work at a job on campus to pay for his education. With \$75 in my pocket, I made my way to Berea during the summer so that I could begin working to pay for my education. Since I had a rural background, the obvious job choice was the dairy farm that the college operated. I was miserable. My work ethic was to get the job done; most of the other dairy student workers worked to avoid work. I went to **Dr. Wilson Evans**, the Dean of Labor (who was working in his garden at his home on Center Street. He and I had become friends. I explained my unhappiness and he placed me in the Office of Guidance and Testing where I worked for three years and three summers. It was under **Dean Charles Shutt** that I developed administrative skills that served me well in my professional career. Right along, **Miss Spickard** kept close watch over me and keep up her words of encouragement. How could I give anything less than my best under her umbrella of love and concern?

One of **Miss Spickard's** friends was **Julia Allen**, Dean of Women. When I became a pastor, I was allowed the unusual privilege of having a car on campus to use in my church work only. When the Lord brought **Sue Troutman** into my life, **Miss Spickard's** influence again came into focus. Sue, a student in the **School of Nursing**, was homesick. Her roommate, **Nola White**, attended the church that I was serving as pastor. Sue and I became acquainted, but both were busy, busy, busy. Dean Allen and I had become friends because of **Miss Spickard**. I asked her if she would allow Sue to go with me to visit homes. She did and our "friendship" developed until on **April 18, 1957**, she became my bride.

Not only did I get to attend **Miss Spickard's** beloved **Berea College**, I was able to take a graduate course at **Duke University** in sensation and perception (toward my doctoral program). My first year of teaching was at **Berea (KY) City Schools**. I taught a junior-level class in U. S. History. I was very impressed with the caliber of students in that class. Several years later, I was teaching a graduate class in human development at **Eastern Kentucky University**. One of my Berea High U. S. History students was in the class working on his master's degree. One day, **Alan** came to me and asked, "Did you know that five of your students in that history class are now teaching American history?" I did not, but immediately the thought came to my mind, "**Miss Spickard** still lives on" because my teaching techniques were exactly her techniques." She was a master teacher and I patterned my teaching style after hers. She spent several years teaching in the **Azores** and **Japan**, thus serving as an example for me to teach in other countries, which I have been able to do.

Then she became **Mrs. Carl Biddle**. She was a perfect companion for one of Tennessee's master farmers. For many years, they were **Doorkeepers** in the prayer seminar ministry. Now their work is finished and they

have joined that great cloud of witnesses in Heaven. I cannot help but feel that **Dorothy Spickard Biddle** will continue her smile and twinkle in her eyes when she looks down to observe the lives of all of her students. As for me, I will continue to live and work in a manner that is reflective of that displayed by my teacher and my friend. She was ninety-two years old when the Lord called her on Thursday, June 16. Whether I follow her to that level, I do not know. Whatever the time is, 'Lord, help me be faithful to you, worthy of Your friendship, and Your call. I want to be a blessing in Your name to others as **Miss Spickard** was to me."

**James Gordon Henry, Class of '57  
White Pine High School (TN)**

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**6/17/11**

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As I was praying this morning, I asked the Lord to keep me on the path. I thanked Him that the devil could not be on His path, but realized the devil was throwing rocks at me. I thanked Him that He is my "sun and shield." The sun lights the path and His shield deflects the rocks of the devil (**Psalm 84:11**).

Sue T. Henry

Sue and a team from Forest Baptist Church, our home church, will be in **Thailand** July 7-17 working with our missionaries, **Tim & Merry Gregory** (Liberty graduates) handing out packets to Chinese tourists. The packet contains a Chinese Bible, a Chinese "Jesus" DVD, and other helpful materials. This is called **the Southern Cross Project**. Please pray for their safety and that their labor will be fruitful for years to come. Please pray for them.

# BANK OF HEAVEN

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

### South Africa

For the past fifteen years, JGHM, with the prayer and financial support of the **Doorkeepers** and other friends, has invested much time, energy, and resources in southern Africa. **JGHM-Southern Africa Branch**, was established in 1998, with headquarters in Welkom, Free State, under the able direction of **Leslie Motsalane**. Not only has he led the prayer seminar ministry, God has used him to build a large church in the nearby black township. He and his wife, Tabitha, are a special couple.

For several years, our goal was to build the ministry to the point that I did not need to go each year. Recently, the decision was made that I need to return. Satan has been busy attempting to hinder and discourage. The VW minibus that we purchased for the ministry, needs a new engine, a near gearshift box, and new tires. For thirteen straight years, I spent at least two weeks traveling with Leslie in **South Africa** (each province), in **Lesotho**, **Swaziland**, **Botswana**, **Mozambique**, and **Namibia**. Including support for Leslie, we have invested \$252,074.74 in southern Africa. Not only have a multitude of pastors and churches been renewed, Leslie reports that several million have come under the influence of the prayer seminar ministry.

**August 12-30** are the dates for my return. We need funds to support the seminars that are scheduled in **QwaQwa**, **Harrismith**, **Bethlehem**, **Kestell**, **Ficksburg**, **Ladybrand**, **Clocolan**, **Bloemfontain**, **Botshabelo**, **Hoopsted**, **Wesselsbrong**, and **Welkom**. We need \$5,000 to repair the minibus. **The projected budget is \$12,900**. We need one-

hundred contributors to make an investment in the Bank of Heaven through this effort. When you give for the glory of God, you lay up treasure in Heaven (**Matthew 6:20**). Above all, we need prayer. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. As **John Wesley** so well stated, "God works only in concert with the praying of His people." Please circle August 12 through 29 on your prayer calendar. **I THANK GOD** and **THANK YOU** for allowing me the privilege of representing Him and you in other nations.

I have often said that I wish each **Doorkeeper** could accompany me and see the faces when I explain "Someone in the United States loves you and has sent you gifts a prayer seminar workbook in your language and a teacher to teach you about the purpose and power of prayer." At that moment, they receive your love and you can be sure that they will be praying for you. That is one of the principles of investment that is timeless.



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