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THE BENEFIT OF WORSHIP

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1Chronicles 16:28-30 & 36

28 Give unto the Lord, ye kindred's of people,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:
bring an offering, and come before him: worship the
Lord in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also
shall be Stable, that it be not moved.

36 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and
ever. And all the people said, Amen and praised the
Lord.

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly
host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O for a
thousand tongues to sing my great redeemers praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his
grace.*

*We've come to praise him! It's time to get our praise
on!*

We hear these words every Sunday morning. We sing
them, shout them and join in with collective joy over

them. And we do so willingly and without question. And that's a good thing! But maybe, just maybe, we might want to take time for a moment and think about our praise ritual and the benefit of our worship.

Believe it or not there is a dual purpose in our worship. Yes, first and foremost it is to give our Heavenly Father the praise He so richly deserves, which, by the way, comes woefully short in comparison to what he is constantly doing for us, but it also serves to fortify us. Worship prepares us for the day before us and the days that lie ahead, because something is coming! Something is always coming! We don't know when and we don't know where, but we do know something is coming. And whenever that something comes, if we aren't prepared, it could rock our world and not in a good way. There are things written in the calendar that are not written on the calendar and can shake the very foundations that our lives are built on. Praising God, Worship, helps to strengthen us by reminding us who is responsible for our very existence. **The Benefit of Worship** is that it provides **Stability!** We need **Stability!** We need **Stability** because we don't know from which direction fiery darts of the evil one will come. But when we come to the place of worship, the place that we have dedicated to our God and King

and lift His Name in praise, the act of lifting up His Holy Name, stabilizes us and enables us to confront, endure, and yea even overcome whatever is going on in our world and the world around us.

For the last two years America has undergone tumultuous gut-wrenching, because of the leadership or perhaps better stated lack of leadership coming out of the Whitehouse. Hate crimes against certain segments of our population have been on an alarming increase as a direct result of statements by President. His abuse of power is unprecedented in history of our country. His theme of Making America Great Again, is no more than his desire to turn the clocks of time back to a time when racism ruled this country. And if that weren't bad enough the damage that we have done to our environment and its ecosystem is now coming back to haunt us in waves. Natural disasters that were once thought to occur in hundred year cycles are now bombarding us on a far too regular basis and the loss of life and destruction of property is un-paralleled. And then having to add into this monsterc mixture of misery our personal issues and calamities, all of these events, concentrated in a short span of time, are unsettling to say the least. Doesn't it make you wonder where can we find in the midst of

this chaos and world gone mad some sense of Stability? We know that without proper fortification of our spiritual foundation any one of these events could destroy us. We need Stability! How do we get it?

Well, Stability begins and ends with our relationship to God. In our scripture we find the direction that will ensure that we have the Stability necessary for times like these:

28 Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of people, give unto the Lord Glory and strength.

How do we give Glory and strength unto the Lord? We do this by humbling ourselves in reverence before Him and by being on one accord. The Word teaches us that the Lord wants us to come before Him as Little children. He says for such is the kingdom of heaven and He promises that where two or three are gathered together touching and agreeing, that He would be in the midst. Knowing that the Lord our God will be with us, in our company, in our very presence brings, gives, provides, and ensures our Stability.

29 Give unto the Lord the Glory due unto his name:

It is at the name of Jesus that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord! ...bring an offering and come before Him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1) What better way to give Glory to God, what better way to bring Him an offering than to give Him and offer Him yourself, it is the very least that we can do!

30 Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also be *Stable*, that it be not moved.

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2) True reverence to God is not to look for others to bear the responsibility for being a witness to world for Him but to see yourself as that witness and let your life so reflect it. When the church cries who shall we send and who shall go for us? You must reply, Here am I send me! Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding

in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

36 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen and praised the Lord.

My prayer today for you who embrace this word is that you now appreciate the importance of why we worship as well as what the benefit of worship is to us. What is that benefit? Stability!

And for those of you still struggling with instability in your life I offer you Jesus. Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever! *Jesus, Jesus every day the same. Jesus, Jesus let heaven and earth proclaim.* This world is unstable, it is confused, there is too much chaos and no amount of drugs or alcohol can help you cope with it. No amount of war and violence can fix it. Only Jesus can fix it. The world is starving for **Stability** and *Jesus says “and I if I be lifted up I’ll draw all men unto me. And that’s just what they did. They lifted Him up on an old rugged cross where He hung, bled and died for our sins. They buried Him in a borrowed tomb and after three days He rose from the dead and declared all power in heaven and earth was in his hands. Jesus has the power to bring Stability every soul that will embrace Him. Will you embrace Him today? Will you allow him*

*to speak peace in the middle of your chaos? Will you
accept the Stability the He offers to you?*