Sunday School Lesson for the Month of March 2020

What Will Worship Do For Me?

(Psalm 73:1-28)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Some years ago, I was doing some pastoral visitation and I visited a family who had not attended worship service for some time. After the personal greetings to them as pastor, I invited this family to become active in our worship service. The man of the house asked me the question, "why should I attend the services?" I then found myself spending time telling this man some of the benefits of worshipping the Lord each week.

The writer of Psalms 73 had discovered the benefits of worship. The Psalmist was caught in the circumstances of life. Doubt filled his mind. He was concerned about the prosperity of the unrighteous and the suffering of the righteous. He wondered how a good God could allow evil to go unchecked and good unrewarded.

The only help the Psalmist received was to go to the Sanctuary of God. "Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I, their end." (v. 17) In this lesson, we will study in detail the benefits of Worship.

Sunday, March 8, 2020

I. Worship will help us with our perspective!

- A. While observing life about him, the Psalmist's vision of life became quite distorted. He was particularly troubled over the prosperity of the wicked. He shared his perspective in Psalm 73:3-14;
 - He thought that the wicked were exempt from Physical Maladies (vs. 4-5)
 - 2. He took special notice of the pride of the wicked (vs. 6-9)
 - 3. He was distressed because of the popularity of the wicked (vs. 10)
 - 4. He became dismayed over the wicked person's contempt for God (vs. 11)
 - 5. He was puzzled over the Material prosperity of the wicked (vs. 12)
 - 6. He was disturbed about the seeming inequities of life (vs. 13-14)

Today, becoming absorbed in the media's accounts of world events can lead to a distorted perspective.

Sunday, March 15, 2020

- B. When the Psalmist went to the sanctuary of God, he gained a new perspective. His visit to the sanctuary made the difference.
 - 1. He saw where the rich placed (vs. 18)
 - 2. He saw that the destruction of material things would happen (vs. 18-19)
 - 3. He compared the wicked to a fantasy (vs. 20)

Worship will help us with our perspective!

Sunday, March 22, 2020

II. Worship will help us strengthen the inner person!

The Psalmist was a troubled man. He was turbulent and possessed great fears. He doubted the goodness and justice of God. The first part of Psalm 73 gives the picture of a person in a severe case of depression. Many people are troubled inside. They search for rest and tranquility.

Worship will help strengthen the inner person. Until the Psalmist went to the sanctuary of God, he was a troubled man. But when he went to the sanctuary of God, he was strengthened within.

Sunday, March 29, 2020

III. Worship will lead to a task!

The Psalmist was not content to gain a new perspective and to be strengthened in the inner person. He wanted to serve the Lord. He said, "that I may declare all thy works." (vs. 28)

Worship leads us to service. Once a person came to a church service just as the congregation was about to be dismissed. The person asked the Usher, "Is the service over?" The Usher replied, "the Worship is over, but the Service is about to begin."

Worship will lead to a task!!