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TO GIVE AND BE GIVEN - LESSON 22

ADORATION

As we give thanks to God and praise Him, a key element “TO GIVE” Him is adoration. This is a bit different from praise. It focuses on His attributes.

As you have entered into praise, we should “give” adoration by telling Him of His excellent greatness. Do not simply take it for granted that you know His attributes; tell Him.

Okay, so what do I tell him that He does not already know?

Nothing, but that is not the point. Tell Him of His **omniscience**. He knows everything from beginning to the end (of which there is no end). He understands everything for He is the very essence of all wisdom (understanding and knowledge).

Tell Him of His **omnipotence**. He is “all powerful.” There is no other power in Heaven or earth that equals His. Thank Him for giving that power to Jesus (Matthew 28:18), who in turn has given us authority to use all that power in His name.

Tell Him of His **omnipresence**. He is present everywhere in heaven and on earth at all times. There is nowhere on earth or in heaven where His presence is void.

Tell Him of His great and magnanimous (generous or forgiving) **grace**, which is His favor toward us. Tell of His never-ending **mercy** extended to all generations of mankind as well as to us individually.

Tell Him of His **holiness**, His magnificent **beauty**, and His **splendor**. Tell Him how great is His **love**.

Telling Him of His attributes goes far beyond “praising” Him for all He has *done* for us. It acknowledges **Who** He is. It goes beyond the thanksgiving that opens the gate to heaven and beyond the praise that ushers us into His throne room. It is the adoration we give Him as we stand (or fall prostrate) before Him at His throne.