Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

The topic of **worship and praise** is a very crucial topic. Many people **do not realize** the importance of giving God praise **or they do not fully understand** how to give God praise. This lesson is going to be on **how to worship and give praise unto God according to the scriptures.**

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and **now is**, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him <u>must worship him in spirit and in truth.</u>

Here Jesus reveals to us how we are to worship. That being in **spirit and in truth**. Jesus also reveals to us that this is what the Father is seeking from us. For God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth**.

Matthew 4:10

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

We are reminded by Jesus that we are to **only worship** and **to serve** the Lord our God!

Luke 19:35-40

- 35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
- 36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
- 37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, **the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice** for all the mighty works that they had seen;
- 38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
- 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, <u>Master, rebuke thy</u> <u>disciples</u>.
- 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

A couple of things to notice here. First that we just read that Jesus told satan that we are to only worship and to serve the Lord our God! Yet here we see that Jesus allowed the **people to praise** and worship Him. The answer of why? Jesus is God. For He is Emmanuel, which being

interpreted is, God with us. (Mt 1:23) **For God was** manifest in the flesh. (1 Tim 3:16) **To wit, that God was** in Christ, reconciling the world **unto himself**. (2 Cor 5:19)

We were shown a clear example of how to worship and give praise unto God here. The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice. Their praise was exuberant!!!! It was not dead praise. It was not quiet speaking. It was lively and cheerful!!!! They were EXCITED!!!!!!

When the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke the disciples.... The Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

The Greek word for cry in use:

2896. krazo, krad'-zo; a prim. verb; prop. to "croak" (as a raven) or scream, i.e. (gen.) to call aloud (shriek, exclaim, intreat):--cry (out).

Again, just as the disciples rejoiced and praised God with a **LOUD voice**, the Lord made it clear that if they should stop **the stones would CRY OUT!!!!!** This is the Lord of Glory!!!!! Not a football game!? Not a sporting event!? Not some form of carnal entertainment! **But the**Creator of the Universe!!!!

Matthew 21:14-16

- 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
- 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,
- 16 And said unto him, <u>Hearest thou what these say?</u> And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea;** have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings **thou hast perfected praise?**

The Greek word in use here **for crying** is the same as was above for the word cry. They were full of joy!!! **Over the mighty and wonderful works of the Lord!!!!**

Jesus said they had perfected praise!! We should be **excited** about the Lord!!! We should be **overwhelmed with joy** that He died on the cross for us!!!! We should be **ecstatic about** the grace and mercy He has extended to us!!!!

We are in a **spiritual battle** fighting against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness **of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:12) As a soldier of Jesus Christ you must **strive to enter in at the strait gate**. (Luke 13:24) To strive you must **shake yourself** of the things that be not of God. You must **set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth. (Col 3:2) If you are striving to enter in at the strait gate and your affection is on things above **then you are going to be emotional in your walk with God** and when you come to the house of God **you are going to be shouting, running, clapping your hands, and leaping for joy because wherever Jesus is there is a lot of noise!! There is going to be a lot of shouting of praises to God going on because you can't help but to become emotional about your passion.** And **our passion** is that of God the Father and that of Jesus

Christ of Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation** through faith **in his blood**, **to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might **be just**, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus. (Rm 3:25-26)

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (Psa 100:4) For it is written I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. (Luke 19:40) It's time to shake yourself of false traditions of men and give unto God the praises worthy of a King in the house of God if you are to come out from the congregation of the dead!! For where Jesus Christ is there is a lot of shouting and praising going on!! Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5) For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (Heb 13:14-15) For he is worthy of all praise and acceptation!!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his **abundant mercy** hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ **from the dead**, To **an inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved in heaven** for you, Who are kept **by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye **greatly rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: (1 Peter 1:3-6)

You must shake yourself of **pride and vanity** and allow the proper **emotional response** to take place if you are going to find <u>repentance and the receiving of the Holy Ghost.</u>

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (2 Cor 7:10) "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." (Acts 5:32) And those that have found repentance and have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered them (Rm 6:17) have found that if you have no emotional response to God you will never find his salvation because you will not submit yourself in obedience and humility before him. The form of doctrine that those in Romans chapter 6 had obeyed from the heart is found in both the beginning of the same chapter "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:" (Rm 6:3-5) as well as in the book of Acts 2:38-39, which reads "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ve shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:38-39)