

Worship Seminar – Session 3 (Sat, 14 Jan 2006)

Gods Eternal Purpose for Praise

We were created for praise and worship. The greatest desires of our life should be to praise and worship God. The reason we live should be to worship Him. (John 4:23)

God Himself rejoices over us with singing - Zephaniah 3:17

The Hebrew word used to describe God's actions in rejoicing means "to jump up and down and spin around in jubilant excitement."

The angels were created by God for definite functions.

- The archangel Michael was the leader of the large, warrior angels.
- The angel Gabriel was the leader of the messenger angels.
- The angel Lucifer was the leader of the angels created specifically for praise and worship as a covering of the throne of God.

Lucifer - Anointed Cherub

God created the angel Lucifer as *the* guardian cherub that protected the throne of God. (Ezekiel 28:13-14; Isaiah 14:12)

Lucifer did not just play an instrument, he was one. His voice was an orchestra with percussion instruments, flutes, horns and voice. Notice that all of the three major types of musical instruments - percussion, wind and stringed - are mentioned. The covering of the throne of God by the anointed cherub appears to have been a covering of praise and worship. Lucifer must have led the great angelic orchestra and choir in praise and worship continually before the throne. (Job 38:7)

The fall of Lucifer from heaven left a huge void. When Lucifer rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven, "his angels," a third part of the stars (angels) of heaven who rebelled, left with him. (Ezekiel 28:15,16; Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 12:4) A void was suddenly realized in heaven as Lucifer and his angels were cast out.

GOD FILLED VOID

God had a plan to fill the void left by Lucifer and his angels! God created man to take dominion on this earth over Lucifer (Satan) and his angels (demons). Man was to demonstrate Satan's defeat on this earth. God created man to be next to Him and reign with Him on His throne. The void is now filled. (Ephesians 1:23)

The church, composed of all the men and women who are believers, is to take the place of the guardian cherub and his angels. The church is now next to the throne of God. Man was created for one great purpose and function - to praise and worship God! (Ephesians 3:21)

SATAN AND MUSIC - Ezekiel 28:13

His gift of music was to be used in praise to God, but when he fell, this gift became perverted.

Instruments Invented - Descendants of Cain invented both instruments of music and instruments of war. (Genesis 4:21)

Confusion in Music - Satan is the author of confusion and confusion in music is a sign that it's satanic. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Golden Calf - When the children of Israel had made the calf and were worshiping it, Moses heard a sound so confusing that he could not at first discern the significance of it. (Exodus 32:17,18)

Golden Image - Nebuchadnezzar used musical instruments of various kinds to induce the worship of the golden image he erected. (Daniel 3:5-7)

YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What is God's will in heaven? What is being done there? John was given a tremendous vision of what is happening in heaven today, and of what is going to happen in the future. Much of this vision included praise and worship.

The angelic beings are continuously giving praise to God. (Revelation 4:8-11)

Thousands upon Thousands -There are over one hundred million angels and creatures. worshiping and praising God. (Revelation 5:11-13)

Jesus prayed, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is total praise and worship going on in heaven now. Worship by the thousands of angels and worship by a multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and language. (Revelation 7:9,10) Jesus taught the disciples to pray, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

With New Songs - Revelation 14:1-3

We are to pray, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Future Worship

John saw the saints, and that includes us, worshiping God after the complete destruction of Satan. (Revelation 15:2-4; Revelation 19:1,3,7)

Now it is up to us, His bride, to make ourselves ready by being praisers and worshipers of God. John continued, Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.