**WORSHIP WORKSHEET**

We have been created to worship the most high God, redeemed for an eternity of lovemaking with our wooing bridegroom, filled with the Spirit to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts. Let us more and more, each and every day, be worshippers of the most high God, brides to our lover Jesus, growing into the likeness of Christ as we are surrendered through worship to his will and purpose. “Lead me, Holy Spirit, into loving relationship and willing surrender. Help me to love God and enjoy him forever, with all of my heart, mind, soul, and strength.”

***Right now:***

Using the words of Frances Havergal’s well‑known hymn, surrender yourself to God in confession, adoration, and praise.

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

***In the Coming Days and Weeks:***

\* Make it a regular habit during the next few weeks to offer the Lord a “sacrifice of praise.” As you pray, read the Bible, do the dishes, take a coffee break, or go for a walk, let your heart flow out toward God in praise. Let one or more of the psalms guide you as a starting point, or write your own psalm of God’s grace to you and sing it to him. Fix your mind on Jesus, his glory and majesty, his beauty and strength. Let the Holy Spirit release in your spirit a language of praise. Remember that God invites us into his very self to taste and know his inner sweetness. Praise him for this and ask him to help you taste and know him more.

\* Take some time this week to “hallow” God’s name. His is the name above all names. He is God above all gods, the Lover of our souls, the Bridegroom, the Faithful One, Jesus, the Rock of Ages, King of the nations. Let the Spirit bring to your mind the names of God and the aspects of his character that these names reveal. Bless and praise him just for who he is.

\* Take time to receive from the Spirit in worship. Lie still in a relaxing and comfortable place (bathtub, sofa, lawn chair, hillside) and listen to a favourite worship tape. Let the music and words wash over you, sinking into your head and heart.

\* Imagine God singing one or more of these songs to you. Let your heart flow out toward God in surrender and thanksgiving. Imagine yourself in the throne room of God (Isa. 6; Rev. 4‑5) worshipping with the seraphim, elders, and angels. Feel the pillars of the temple shake from the loud praise. See the Lamb upon his throne and enter into vocal rejoicing and praise ‑ “And he shall reign Forever and ever... forever, and ever...alleluia, alleluia.” Take your pride, accomplishments, and whatever concerns you have and cast them at his feet in surrender to him. He is worthy! Tell him so.

\* As you attend corporate worship in the next few weeks, practice the Presence of God on the way as a means of preparing your heart for worship. Some ideas: pray silently for those you see, thank God for the day and all its possibilities ask him to bring to your mind things you should know about yourself or others. In this way, you are preparing your heart and mind to worship in spirit and in truth. Remember Paul’s encouragement to be continually filled with the Spirit (which naturally overflows into worship) so that you are ready to enter into corporate worship with others, sharing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making music in your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19‑20).