bOur Life is to Declare the Wondrous Works of God

Ps 75:1 ¶ <<To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.>> Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

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Thou must not destroy; Thou must not cast off forever (corrector not corrupter)

“Thy name is near”   
(thou art coming forth) The Master has come and Calleth for you

“Thy name is near”-The Lord is here, present with us, and ready to help.

“Thy name is near” to perform thy Wondrous Works “Thy name is near” to work thy glorious perfections in protection, deliverance and promotion (exaltation of thy people).

The “Wondrous works” of God, especially the revealing of His Divine Nature, the protection of his people and the blessings and the promotions he bestows, manifests the perfection of his Character and shows forth His Glory.

In impending danger, take courage, render thanks and praise God in view of

* God's Name Character - Divine Nature Revealed Trust
* God's Wondrous Works Conduct - Divine Nature Received Truth
* God's Righteous Judgment Control (kingdom-government-Rule) Throne

1. God's name is set forth by His wondrous works.
2. God’s Perfect Love shows forth His Glory
3. God’s Holiness shows forth His Glory
   1. What God has spoken in His Holiness He will perform by His Wisdom, Prudence and Power.

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

1. David is coming to the throne over all Israel with thanks and praise to God.

Ps 75:1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. 2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. 9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

1. Though all things are brought to ruin, yet I can restore and preserve them.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

“**all** the inhabitants thereof are dissolved”

“I bear up the pillars of it”

I will uphold the constitution. The inhabitants are dissolved-unsettled and unconnected by the bands of civil interest. The whole system is disorganized:

“I bear up the pillars of it”

Pillars of the Nation

Samuel

David

Ga 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

* The hope and expectation of the people

1Sa 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

No disorder or confusion should hinder us from doing that which God requires; the more things out of order the more readily we labor to address and restore.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

1Cor. 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Ps 19:1 ¶ <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.>> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Ps 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. {they cannot...: or, none can order them unto thee}

Ps 50:6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

Ps 50:16 ¶ But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

Ps 64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

Ps 66:16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

Ps 73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Ps 75:1 ¶ <<To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.>> Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. {Altaschith: or, Destroy not} {of: or, for}

Ps 75:9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

Ec 9:1 ¶ For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them. {I considered...: Heb. I gave, or, set to my heart}

Jer 42:4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

Jer 42:20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it. {ye dissembled...: or, ye have used deceit against your souls}

Jer 50:28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Jer 51:10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

Ac 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. {devotions: or, gods that ye worship}

Ac 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Ro 3:25 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; {set forth: or, foreordained} {remission: or, passing over}

1Jo 1:5 ¶ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Holy Men of God Can worship God through faith with Grace and Truth

Ephesians 1:3—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:* 4*—According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

5—*Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

6—*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein* ***he hath made us*** *accepted in the beloved.*

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

John 4:23 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 must worship him in spirit and in truth.

1Cor. 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Man Cannot Worship God without Grace and Truth

Ephesians 1:6—*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

Genesis 1:26—*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

27*—So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

2:7*—And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 3:15—*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Matthew 4:18—*And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.*

19*—And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

John 4:24—*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

1. Man is a Fallen Creature
   1. Man is evil and man needs God
      1. Every structure of our society is trying to establish a new theory that there is nothing inherently evil about man and that man is basically good, when man is evil and man needs God.

Romans 3:23—*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

* 1. You cannot discipline an evil man to be spiritual and worship God
  2. You cannot discipline your fleshly carnal mind to be spiritual and worship God.
  3. The carnal mind is not and cannot be subject to Worship God

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

* 1. You must be Born Again John 3:3,5; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 9:12;10:22; James 1:18; 1Peter 1:22,23; Lev.8:11(Perfect Redemption is only through Christ) Col.1:14

1. Man is in a state of Foolishness without God
   1. All unregenerate MEN are in a state of foolishness without true worship.

1Corinthians 1:18—*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish* ***foolishness****; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.* 21*—For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to* ***save them that believe****.*

**The foolishness of Man’s wrong Choices**

**Proverbs 29:1—*He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.***

Ps 38:5*—My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.* 69:5*—O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.*

Pr 12:23*—A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.* 14:24*—The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.* 15:2*—The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.* 14*—The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.* 19:3*—The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.* 22:15*—Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.* 24:9*—The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.*

**You may purge metals of all their dross; but you cannot purge the fool of his folly***.* 27:22*—Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.*

Ec 7:25*—I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:* 10:13*—The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.*

Mark 7:22*—Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

1Corithians 1:23*—But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

What appears to man as foolish and weak is **Wisdom and Strength** with **God** 25*—Because* ***the foolishness of God is wiser than men****; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.* 2:14*—But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* 3:19*—For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.*

**BECOMING and BEING God made Men**

John 1:12—*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to* ***become*** *the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* 3:3*—Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man* ***be*** *born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

5*—Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man* ***be*** *born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 3:26*—For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 1:4*—According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should* ***be******holy*** *and without blame before him in love:*

1John 3:1*—Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should* ***be*** *called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

Ungodly, high stressed, confused and foolish thinking men cannot worship a Holy God

Isaiah 6:2—*Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.*

3*—And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.* 5*—Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*

Luke 18:13*—And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*

Hebrews 12:14*—Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

Disciplines for God-given duty of Godly Men

God created man—male and female, this is God’s Divine order. He created the man from the dust of the ground; God took a rib from Adam and made Eve. God created man to govern; He created the woman to be his helper. God gave commandment regarding what to eat in the garden, He commanded the man. The man had the responsibility to communicate the command to the woman and then to the children.

There is an undeniable order in creation. By creating man first, God did not bestow upon man privileges or superiority, but rather He bestowed responsibility and service. Men have the responsibility of leadership in the home, church, community, city, nation, and the world . The proper performance of this duty demands a life of integrity, purity, passion and power that result from following Christ. Only as a man walks with Jesus, his head and master, will he be able to fulfill the role that God has given him.

In this ungodly, foolish age there is a clarion call for Godly men to **take a stand for true worship**. There is the need through the knowledge of the Truth of Jesus Christ to bring men to the awareness of the Biblical responsibility and disciplines of manhood at home, in the church and abroad; and as you see the holy calling we further desire that you may receive grace with the Truth of the Word to **fulfill** your God-given duty.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and **grace for grace**. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ.

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

2John 1:3 **Grace** be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, **in truth** and **love**.

Romans 6:11—*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but* ***alive unto God******through Jesus Christ our Lord.*** 12—***Let not sin*** *therefore reign in your mortal* ***body****, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.* 13*—Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but* ***yield yourselves unto God****, as those that are* ***alive*** *from the dead, and your members as* ***instruments of righteousness unto God.***

1. *You won’t have control over your body until you have control over your mind*
2. *You won’t have control over your mind without submission to God*
3. *You cannot submit to God until you are born again.*
4. *You cannot be born again without faith in Jesus Christ*

*Galatians 3:8—And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen* ***through faith****, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit* ***through faith****.*

*Galatians 5:5 For we* ***through the Spirit*** *wait for the hope of righteousness* ***by faith****.*  *6—For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but* ***faith which worketh by love.***

*Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved* ***through faith****; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*2Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation* ***through faith*** *which is in Christ Jesus.*

*Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who* ***through faith*** *and patience inherit the promises. 11:3* ***Through faith*** *we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*1Peter 1:5—Who are kept by the power of God* ***through faith*** *unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

1. Preparation to Worship A Holy and All Powerful God
   1. Do you have Spiritual life?
      1. Born of the Spirit

John 3: 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

* + 1. Filled with the Spirit

Ac 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1Cor. 2: 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5*—That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.* 11*—For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

Ac 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Ac 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Lu 12:36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

1. The Fruit of Holiness --- Character in worship must always be holy

1Ch 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Ps 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 2Ch 20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. Ps 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. 96:9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Lu 1:75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Ro 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

1. The Purpose of worship is to glorify, honor, praise, exalt, and please God
   1. Our worship must glorify God.

1Cor. 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

* 1. Singing Praises unto God --- Fruit of our lips

Ac 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Isa 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

Heb 13:15 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.

Eph 5:19 **Speaking** to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Here we see in our singing, we are to **speak, teach,** and **admonish** one another.  This is what God expects us to do when we sing.

**Worship**:

1. Change in worship: "The hour cometh, and now is." Christ perfected worship. Before Christ, men worshipped God in special places, in the Tabernacle, in temples and before altars. Christ has opened the door into God's presence from any place in the universe

Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

1. Nature of worship. Man is to worship God in spirit and in truth.

a.  To worship God in spirit means to worship God (through prayer /praise)

•  with a saved soul, from a born again experience, seeking the most intimate communion and fellowship with God.

•  with the *spiritual core* of one's life and being, trusting and resting in God's acceptance and love, care Grace and Truth.

b.  To worship God in truth means

•  Approach God through faith in His Word. There is only one way, through His Son Jesus Christ

•  Worship God through faith in every promise.

1. Reason for worship.

The Father seeks men to worship Him. God desires worship, for He created man to worship and fellowship with Him. Therefore, God seeks men who will worship Him in spirit and truth.

4. Essential in worship.

* 1. Must worship God in spirit and in truth.

There is no other way. "God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

To worship in spirit means

Led by the Holy Ghost

In Prayer Praise and Overcoming Power

•  *Not* spiritual driven, not purpose driven but Spirit Led from the depth of your soul.

•  *from* the spiritual life and nature of Christ in you.

To worship in truth means...

* as God determines, worship must be in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ.
* To the Glory of His Grace

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Praying in and with the truth revealed

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the **word** of the truth of the **gospel**; 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

The believer's hope has one great source: the gospel, is the Word of God.

"the **Word**" and "the **gospel**" It is the Word of God that reveals the great hope for man. Man cannot find hope—not a permanent or eternal hope, not a hope that lasts forever—anyplace else than the Word of God.

The only lasting hope ever offered to man is found in the Word of God—in the glorious message of its gospel (good news).

Hope for the Hopeless is the very truth of God Himself

1.  The gospel/ The Word of the truth. It is not false; not false teaching. Neither is it just a wish or guess that its message is true. The gospel is the truth of God, the very Word and promise of the Sovereign Majesty of the universe. This means a most wonderful thing: the hope offered to man is true. It is not a desire or guess that may or may not be true. The hope promised in the gospel is the very truth of God Himself.

Grace for graceless is the very truth of God Himself

1. knew the grace of God in truth

Col.1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Fruit for the Fruitless

There is “the fruit of the Spirit”

Ga 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

* + - * 1. There is the fruit of bearing converts, of reaching others for Christ.

Ro 1:13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

* + - 1. There is the fruit of sanctification, that is, of purity and cleanliness of life.

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.