

In David's School of Worship (5/14/23)

Main Verses: Psalm 9:1-2

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'Takeaway': The Psalms are songs that teach us, not only about God, but about worshiping him just as he deserves.

Getting Started: What is worship? How should we worship God?

READ: Psalm 9:1-2 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does it mean to do something with your whole heart?
- What does "recount all of your wonderful deeds" mean?
- What should we do after recalling all that God has done for us?
- Why do we need to constantly & consistently practice worshiping God?

Elementary:

- What does it mean to give thanks? What does it mean to do something with your whole heart?
- Why is it important to recount all of the wonderful deeds God has done?
- Why is the natural response to recounting all the deeds God has done for us to be glad in him, to exult in him (what does that mean?), & to sing praise to his name?
- Why should we develop a consistent practice of worshiping God?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God wants us to love him with our entire being. (see also Deuteronomy 6:5)
- Remembering what he has done & who he is helps us develop a heart of worship.
- When we practice this worship, it helps us in hard times to always remember God & his many blessings to us.
- Worshiping God helps us learn to love & worship him more.
- His most wonderful deed was sending us Jesus, who now makes true worship possible.

Elementary:

- "With my whole heart" – The biblical ideal is for the whole inner self to be engaged in loving & praising God, whether in public or in private. (see also Deuteronomy 6:5)
- Remembering & rehearsing who God is & what he has done for us helps us develop a heart of worship. It is important to do in good times (especially) & in hard times.
- What we practice becomes "automatic" brain muscle so that when we have hard times, we will remember. If we develop a practice of praising God for who he is, & remembering specifically his blessings (wonderful deeds) to us, we will learn to love & worship him more.
- His most wonderful deed was sending us Jesus, who now makes true worship possible.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for all the wonderful deeds he has done for us. Ask him to help you learn who he is more each day, & ask God to help you develop a heart of worship. Thank him for sending his Son, Jesus, who makes it possible for us to worship God with our whole hearts.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for sending his Son, Jesus, who makes true worship possible, & who makes it possible for us, thru faith in him, to worship God with our whole hearts. Think for a minute about all the wonderful deeds God has done for you. Ask him to help you remember them now, & every day. Ask him to help you to remember who he is & what he has done for you every day as you learn to love & worship him more. Perhaps you're not sure where to start, but know that you need him & need to praise & worship him more each day. **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart and being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.

