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**"WORSHIP: THE CROWN JEWEL"**

**'Worship Abba ... Submissively'**

(Revelation 4:9-10; Matthew 6:9; Matthew 26:39; James 4:7)

**Intro ...** To bow one's head - to bow one's knee - to bow one's heart is an essential part of Worship and it comes pretty automatically to all who have gotten to '*Know God*.'

Jesus said that '*Knowing God*' was the very definition of the '*Eternal Life/the Abundant Life*' He came to provide.

Jesus said that the Father Whom we seek to know better and better is actively searching for those who will enter into a '*Worship Relationship*' with Him.

**The truth is:** "*Worship of the Heavenly Father*" is the Crown Jewel throughout the universe - there is nothing higher or better - nothing more attractive or impressive.

Worship is the response our Heavenly Father most desires from man and Worship is the response that mankind was designed to most naturally give. Sin has derailed that response - It's no longer '*natural*.'

We, however, as a congregation of Born-Again, Blood-Bought, Holy Spirit-Enabled Children of God are seeking to become a congregation of genuine Worshipers our Abba Father - worshipers in whom He will truly delight.

In this current series of messages, we are seeking to discover and embrace certain **key worship attitudes** - attitudes that cause our worship to be most pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

So far, we have discovered that we should

***'Worship Abba Reverently and Exclusively and Reflectively.'***

Today, in this brief communion meditation, I would draw your attention to another ...

**TODAY'S KEY WORSHIP ATTITUDE ...**

*"Worship Abba ... **SUBMISSIVELY**"*

**SUBMISSIVE** - compliant - reliant - completely yielded

The other day as I was reviewing the 'Apostolic Way' series of messages, I came across this definition of **submission**:

*"Willingly Yielding One's Personal Preferences"*

**Submission** implies and always expresses itself in **surrender**.

That's the attitude that we must have if we would worship our Heavenly Father pleasingly.

That is the attitude that I find exemplified in ...

**TODAY'S KEY SCRIPTURES ...**

*"Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne ... the twenty-four elders **fall down** before Him ... and worship Him ..."*  
(Revelation 4:9-10)

*"This is how you should pray:  
'Our Father in heaven, **hallowed** be your Name,  
Your kingdom come - **Your Will be done** on earth as it is in heaven!'"*  
(Matthew 6:9-10)

*"Going a little farther, **he fell with his face** to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet, **not as I will**, but as You will!'"*  
(Matthew 26:39)

*"**Submit** yourselves, then, to God.  
Resist the devil and **he will flee** from you."*  
(James 4:7)

**Submission** always implies and expresses itself in **surrender!**  
The surrendered saint willingly yields up all personal preferences.

## **Three Characteristics of a Surrendered (Submissive) Saint:**

### **A Surrendered (Submissive) Saint:**

#### **1. Always RESPONDS To Abba's GREATNESS In WORSHIP**

Feelings of worship are forever arising from the hearts of those who have truly come to know God.

Those 24 elders picture us!

#### **2. Always PREFERS Abba's WILL More Than His OWN**

What could possibly be better than having the Will of our Intensely Personal, Continually Available, Lavishly Loving, Almost Infinitely Patient Abba Father done in our lives?

What Born-Again Child of God would not want that?

#### **3. Always LIVES In A Devil-Free ZONE**

Where better to live and to enjoy this 'Eternal Life' that Jesus died to provide and that 'Pneuma' came to produce in each of us?

You want to be free from the devil's attacks - Worship Abba!

Worshipping our Heavenly Father **Submissively** is indeed **Key** to Worshipping God as He desires to be worshipped.

In fact, I have long said that perhaps the best test of whether we have truly 'worshipped' on a Sunday Morning or not is this question:

**"Do I feel more Submitted/Surrendered to Him?"**

### **Final Thought ...**

Those who **WORSHIP** best are **SURRENDERED** most!