

The **Heart** of Worship

Part 3 Sermon

Facedown!

Part 3 Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7 (ESV)

Sunday, March 18, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

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¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. . .

Leviticus 9:24 (ESV)

²⁴ And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

1. The Otherness of God!

“When it comes to worship, the throne always sets the tone. Each time we gather together, we don’t just journey to a church building — we journey to the very throne of God.” - Matt Redman

“Left to ourselves we tend immediately to reduce God to manageable terms.” - A. W. Tozer

2. The Often Overlooked Response to God – Facedown!

Revelation 1:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 7:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Ezekiel 1:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Daniel 10:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute.

“When a soul is so captivated by the Almighty,
to bend low in true and total surrender seems the only appropriate response.” - Matt Redman

1 Kings 22:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left;

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

“When we come to worship, we come to a throne . . .
[and] everything else arranges itself around that throne.” - Ron Owens

Genesis 17:3 (ESV) ³ Then Abram fell on his face. . . .

Numbers 20:6 (ESV)

⁶ Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them,

1 Chronicles 21:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

Matthew 17:6 (ESV)

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

1 Samuel 5:1-4 (ESV)

¹ When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ² Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. ³ And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. ⁴ But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

“If you find your god bowed facedown on the floor before another God,
then it’s time to get a new one!” - Louie Giglio

Philippians 2:8-11 (ESV)

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.