

# **WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH – 10:15AM**

***Theme: God Delivers from Idolatry (Daniel 3)***

**Welcome:** *[Pastor Steve]*

- God is Worthy of Worship
- God is Worthy of Exclusive Worship

## **GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP**

**Call to Worship: Responsive Reading of Psalm 148** *[Pastor Bernie]*

*LEADER*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;*

*praise him in the heights!*

<sup>2</sup> *Praise him, all his angels;*

*praise him, all his hosts!*

*CONGREGATION*

<sup>3</sup> *Praise him, sun and moon,*

*praise him, all you shining stars!*

<sup>4</sup> *Praise him, you highest heavens,*

*and you waters above the heavens!*

*LEADER*

<sup>5</sup> *Let them praise the name of the Lord!*

*For he commanded and they were created.*

<sup>6</sup> *And he established them forever and ever;*

*he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

*CONGREGATION*

<sup>7</sup> *Praise the Lord from the earth,*

*you great sea creatures and all deeps,*

<sup>8</sup> *fire and hail, snow and mist,*

*stormy wind fulfilling his word!*

*LEADER*

<sup>9</sup> *Mountains and all hills,*

*fruit trees and all cedars!*

<sup>10</sup> *Beasts and all livestock,*

*creeping things and flying birds!*

CONGREGATION

<sup>11</sup> *Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!*

<sup>12</sup> *Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!*

LEADER

<sup>13</sup> *Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.*

<sup>14</sup> *He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the Lord!*

**Congregational Song: # 153 – Worthy of Worship**

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
Worthy of honor and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,  
Worthy of all of the off'ings we bring

*You are worthy, Father, Creator.  
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.*

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear,  
Worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,  
Worthy of all this and added to these.

*You are worthy, Father, Creator.  
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.*

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,  
Savior and Source of our life without end;

*You are worthy, Father, Creator.  
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.*

**Congregational Song:** [words on screen] Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

**GOD IS WORTHY OF EXCLUSIVE WORSHIP**

**Scripture Calls Believers to Worship God Exclusively:**

- *Exclusive worship to God is rooted in God's character – Exodus 20:1-6*

*And God spoke all these words, saying,*

<sup>2</sup> *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

<sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

<sup>4</sup> *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

- *Excusive worship to God is accompanied with a warning against idolatry for believers – I Cor 10:6-14*

<sup>6</sup> *Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

<sup>14</sup> *Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup> I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.*

- *Exclusive worship to God is exemplified by Jesus – Matt 4:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> *And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"*

- *Exclusive worship to God is exemplified by angels – Rev 22:8-9; Rev 5:11-12*

<sup>8</sup> *I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."*

*<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

**Congregational Song:** [words on screen] All Glory be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
in vain I ts builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
Amist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

When on that day the Great I am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e're His people be, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

**Congregational Song:** # 4 HMA - All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life

Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ*  
*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ*  
*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

**Message:** “God Delivers from Idolatry” – Daniel 3 [Pastor Steve]

*3 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. 6 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” 7 Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.*

***The Fiery Furnace***

*8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp,*

*bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. <sup>11</sup> And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

*<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"*

*<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

*<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.*

*<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."*

*<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from*

*limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”<sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.*

**Closing Song: # 97 HMA - O Great God**

O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

**Closing Announcements:**