

CHAPTER 7

WORSHIP AND THE SOUL

As we begin this chapter we start the second part of this work which will focus on a more detailed look at the worship experience.

The human spirit, soul and body have within them many fascinating details, details which God himself has built into them. Many of them are beyond the realm of the natural eye and yet play a huge part in our walk through this life.

The bible states that we are a tripartite being, meaning that we are made of three parts, spirit, soul and body. We are a spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body.

As we shall soon see one of the most important parts of the human creation of spirit, soul and body would have to be the soul. For God clearly spells out its value when he says

*“ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own **soul**”* (Math 16:26).

It is clear from this scripture that your soul is worth more than the entire world and all its contents. I would call that pretty valuable. Please note that satan spends your entire life time trying to get your soul to hell. Also note the price God paid in order to offer your soul access to Heaven.

Soul is the Greek word *psuche* and means the seat of your mind, will and emotions. We will now see what a major part these aspects of your human make up play in the life style of worship we are called to live.

In the 8th Psalm the psalmist writes these words which Jesus quotes in the 21st chapter of Mathew and the 16th verse:

“out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast ordained praise (or strength KJ) because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.”

In Mathew Jesus used the words thou hast
“*perfected praise*”.

So how does praise out of a child like heart still or paralyze the enemy? Let’s take a closer look.

The three aspects of the soul all come into play as we actively worship God.

Have you ever noticed how music actually speaks to you without the use of words? Music can make you happy or sad or can even motivate you. That means that somehow the music communicated something to you. Music is the language of the soul. It can speak without the use of words. It moves your emotions.

Words on the other hand captivate your mind. God uses His word to renew your mind. So we see two parts of the soul that are being engaged as we worship God, the mind and the emotions. The only part left I call one of the most powerful forces ever created, the WILL.

The will is the part of you that no one and I mean no one has control of except you. God has given you free will. That means you can look at the creator of the universe and say “take a hike” if you so desire. It also means satan can not make you do anything either, you must use your will and decide to do it.

So here is the daily struggle of the soul we all fight with. Satan wants you to follow him and his ways so he tries to get you to decide (with your will) to follow him, weather consciously or unconsciously. He knows he can’t make you so he tries to lure you through your thoughts (your mind) and your emotions, your feelings i.e. happy, sad, angry, bitter ect.

God also with his love is wooing you to come to Him. During worship your **thoughts of the mind** are on God, your **emotional desire** is for Him and you have decided with your **will** to worship Him. Your mind and emotions are on God and that means that satan has no way of tempting you, he is paralyzed or stilled if you will. The avenues that satan uses to sway you toward his ways ie

the mind and emotions are redirected and he has no access to your soul. Because you have decided to worship God Satan has no way in, you have stopped him cold in his tracks,

Notice when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert that the last thing he said was

*“ you shall **worship** the Lord your God and Him alone shalt thou **worship**”* (Math 4:10).

And it says after that Satan left him. It was after his acknowledgement of worship of the Father that Satan fled. The word says that

“he will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on thee.”
(Is 26:3)

In Romans 8:6 it says

*“ to be carnally **minded** is death; but to be spiritually **minded** is life and peace.”*

Do you see the power in the worship of God? That is why He commands you to worship the Lord thy God with your **whole heart and soul and mind** and Him alone shalt thou worship.

We live in a day where the devil is contesting for your thoughts all day, every day. He tries to swing our wills towards unbelief, doubt or any other avenue that will distract our minds and hearts from being fixed on Him. It is obvious that God is raising up an army of new testament worshipers that are fixed on Him and willing to pay the price no matter what the cost to walk with God, even if it goes against the religious establishment that permeates our culture. For God is seeking such to worship Him.