

John 274 “Jesus’ Magnificent Prayer” John 17:1-5; Isaiah 12:1-6

Worship is what we give to God, not what we want to get from Him.

Worship is gratitude for our relationship with God from our appreciation of His Person and His work.

So, worship is our recognition of God’s influence in our lives.

The skeptic looks around at the world and asks: If your God exists, why is He acting like a violinist on the Titanic seemingly pretending that the ship isn’t sinking?

So, is science correct in its assessment of what used to be called global warming and is now referred to as climate change?

Yes, but the average scientist just doesn’t know why and we do; it’s part of the plan of God. That being said, the Middle East is obviously drastically changing daily in relation to the end times.

And through it all, God is telling Israel: “I am in control and I will fulfill My promises to you; I will bring you back to the land; just trust Me and fear not.”

And just what does God’s promise to Israel in Isaiah 12 referring to the future Millennial Kingdom by interpretation mean to us today in the present Church Age by application?

We too can trust and relax and be about our Father’s business like our Savior always was. May we be found active, abiding in fellowship with our Lord at His return for us, whether it be at the time of our physical death or the Rapture.

Until then in one sense, we are a lot like the musicians on the Titanic ourselves, continuing our designated function without missing a beat although the world system is sinking fast! Creation was a grand event, yet it was only a reflection of the glory of God!

So, prayer is the privilege of the royal priesthood and since grace is the basis of prayer no believer can come to God in prayer and expect to be heard on the basis of human merit, human ability, human function, human ingenuity.

We must approach God in prayer on the basis of the merit of Jesus Christ, for the Father is propitiated with Christ but is no respecter of persons as far as believers are concerned.

In other words, God does not hear and answer prayer because we are good, moral, kind, sincere or religious; God hears and answers prayer on the basis of Who Jesus Christ is and what He has done and does.

Every believer is in union with Christ and only gets through to the Throne of Grace on the basis of proper approach through our High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.