OF THE WORLD BIBLE WAY FELLOWSHIP

# Worshipper, Walker, Worker

#### Luke 14: 7-11

It was on the Sabbath day and Jesus was the guest in the home of a member of the Jewish Council, many of the Pharisees were there to see whether Jesus would heal a man which had dropsy. Jesus ask them if it was legal to heal on the Sabbath. It was here that Jesus observed how each of them were running to get the best seat in the

house. Their behavior is what prompted this parable. It says that "They chose out the chief room", the best seat. We must understand that society of that day, each guest wanted to occupy the highest place of honor as he could. By the time a guest found the best seat, only to discover

found the best seat, only to discover that it was reserved for someone else, the intermediate places would have been filled and now only the lowest seats would be left. On the other hand, if the host discovered an honorable guest in a lower place, He would invite him to a reserved seat at the head of the table. Christ used this immediate situation to teach a great spiritual principle. Humility is the passport to promotion in the kingdom of God.

Vs. 11 "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted...

Proverbs 15: 23 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and before honor is humility."

Romans 12: 1-3 tells us that "A man should not think more highly of himself, but to think soberly and clearly."

At present, we are living in a time when everyone, for convenience sake, is a born again Christian. Celebrities, new saved, are put in the limelight. It's kind of amusing to me, in a way, how they can just be saved for three weeks, write books on how to live a successful Christian life, or how to cope with suffering for Christ, or how to be an overcomer. I hesitate to bring up the subject matter,

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but I have been in the position of Pastoring for many years and have witnessed many things, such as, talents coming in and if they are not put in a prominent place right away they leave. They come in, get saved, get a little spark of the fire in their testimony and are ready to preach. Whatever happened to sitting down and learning? Call me old fashion, if you wish, but I say, take a seat and wait for the Lord to make room for your talent. If God has truly given you a ministry, He will make room for it. The message of Hebrews 11 teaches about the great men and women of faith, "the great cloud of witnesses". The first three men mentioned teach us a very vital lesson concerning the steps taken to a full Christian maturity. It says, "By faith Abel offered up a better sacrifice than Cain". The first

step is to be a true worshipper, not preacher, song leader, Sunday School teacher, pianist, deacon, or organist. If we are to ever advance in the kingdom of God we must start here; the foundation of your Christian life is being a true worshipper. Worship cannot be forced; it is not something that can be put in you by a song or preaching. It does not take any special skills or talent to be a

worshipper. Worship is a response of the heart, a showing of reverence toward deity. A worshipper is one who has an intense love and admiration for God and having a strong utmost desire for giving everything that's within. When you become a true worshipper

you have a servant's heart. The only way to become a true leader is to first become a true servant. This is what the kingdom of God is all about. Not being served, but being of service.

Next, Hebrews talks about walkers. Enoch walked with God. What a testimony, what a biography. You cannot be a walker until you have become a worshipper. He walked with God and pleased God before his translation. No great preacher, teacher, musician; just a walker. This is more than religion, yes, even more than accepting Christ. It is developing a personal relationship with God on a daily basis. You don't have to be a great anything in order to be a walker with God. We are in the darkest times in history, just learn to walk, whatever your circumstances.

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Finally, Hebrews says that "By faith Noah built an ark". Noah was a worker. Today, everyone wants a position, nobody wants to be a laborer, a worker. Not everyone can be in management. Someone has to be in sales. What a pity Jesus felt as he viewed the crowds. They were as sheep without a shepherd. The harvest is so great and the

workers are so few. He said "My table is full, but the fields are empty". Really want to do something for God? "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white, ready to harvest." (John 4: 35). Be willing to step out of the limelight and step into the gutter, visit the hospital, go to the jail, do something, but be a worker. Jesus said work while it is day, for the night is

coming when you can't work. He also said that your labor would not be in vain, "Be not weary in well doing." "It is time, high time, to awake out of our sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed." It is time for us to be a true worshipper, a walker and a worker.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

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