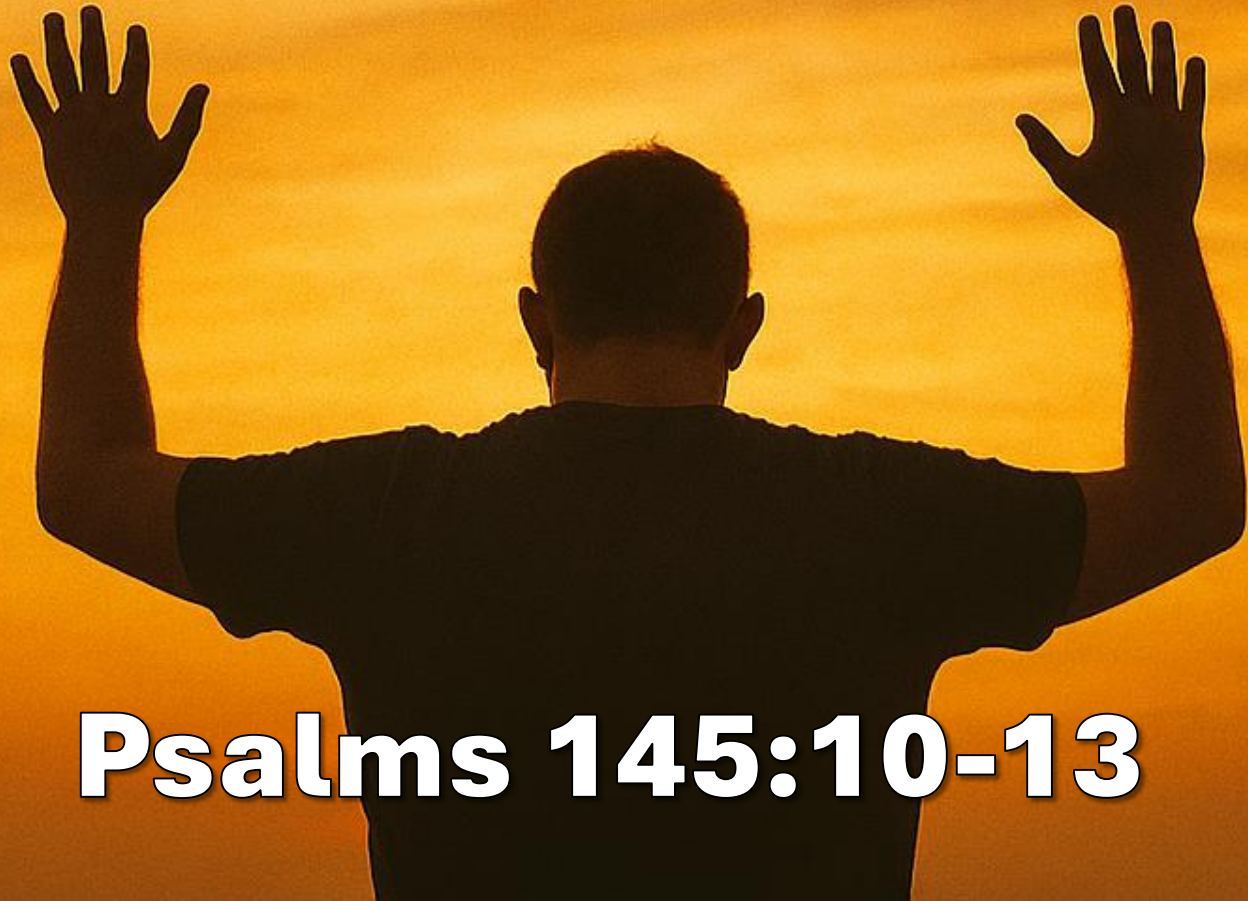


# **Understanding Acceptable Worship**



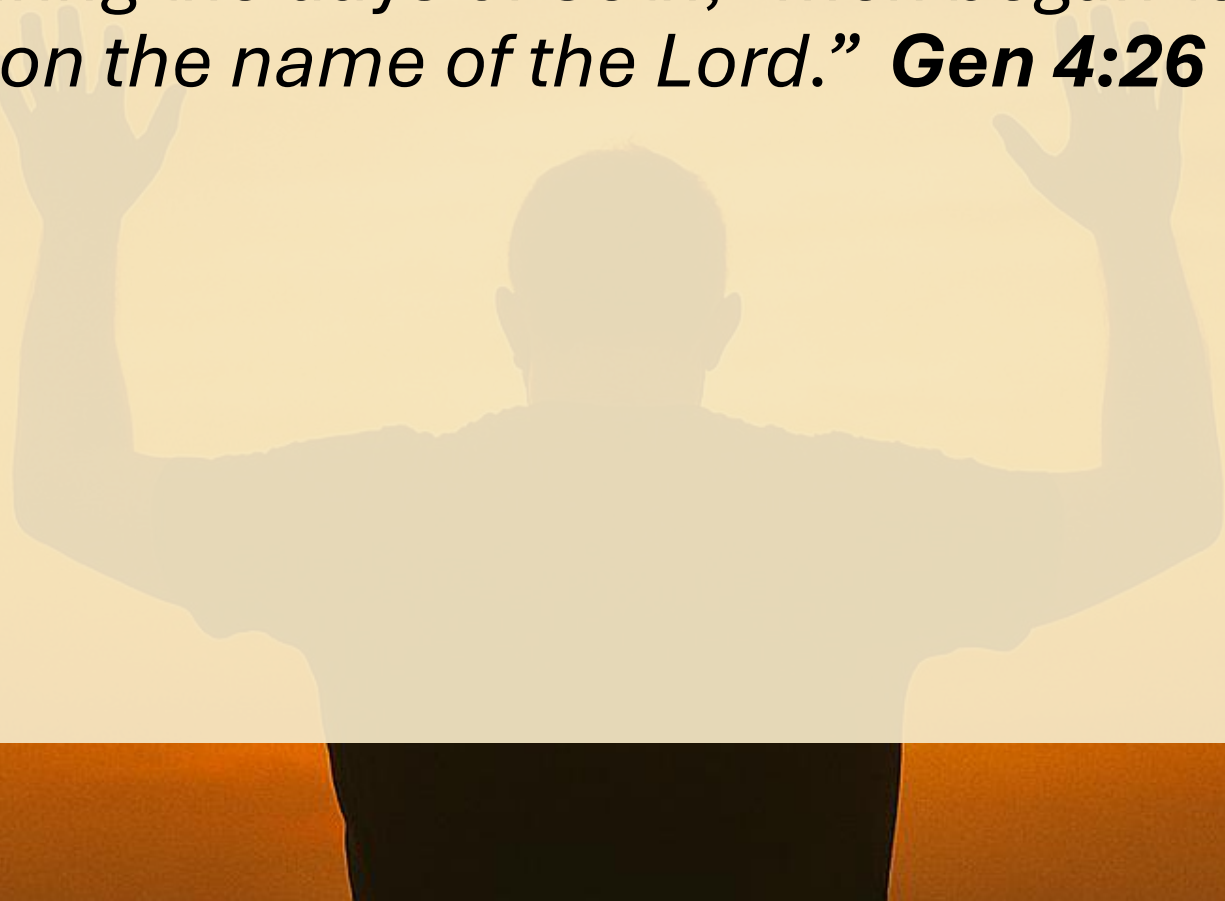
**Psalms 145:10-13**

# **Acceptable Worship Praises the Lord**



# Worship: Praises the Lord

- From the beginning, people have praised the Lord.
  - During the days of Seth, “*men began to call upon the name of the Lord.*” **Gen 4:26**



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  - Abraham called on the name of the Lord.
    - *“And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; **there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.**” Gen 12:8*

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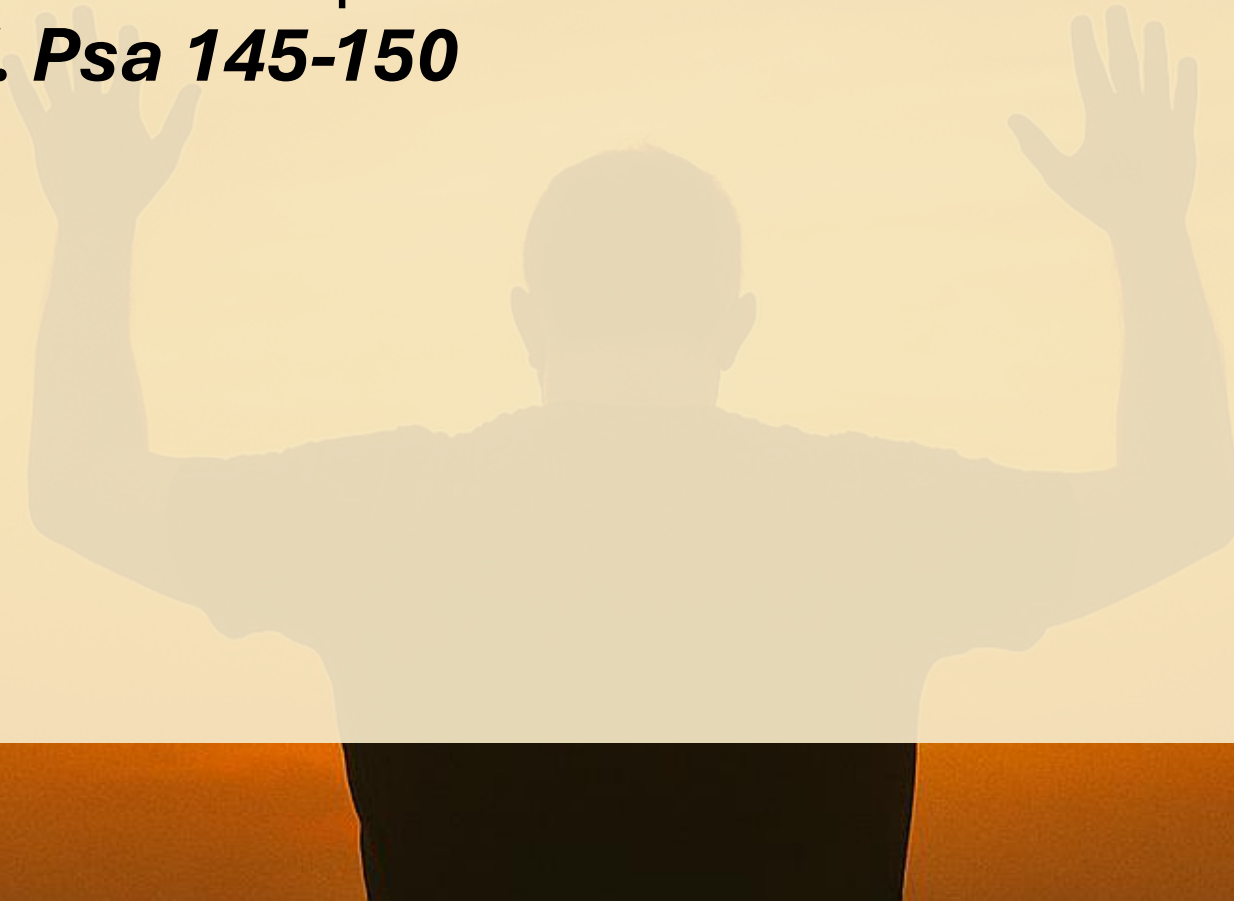
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**Gen 13:3-4**

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- From the beginning, people have praised the Lord.
  - During Moses' song of deliverance, Moses said, *"I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; **He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.**" Exo 15:1-2*

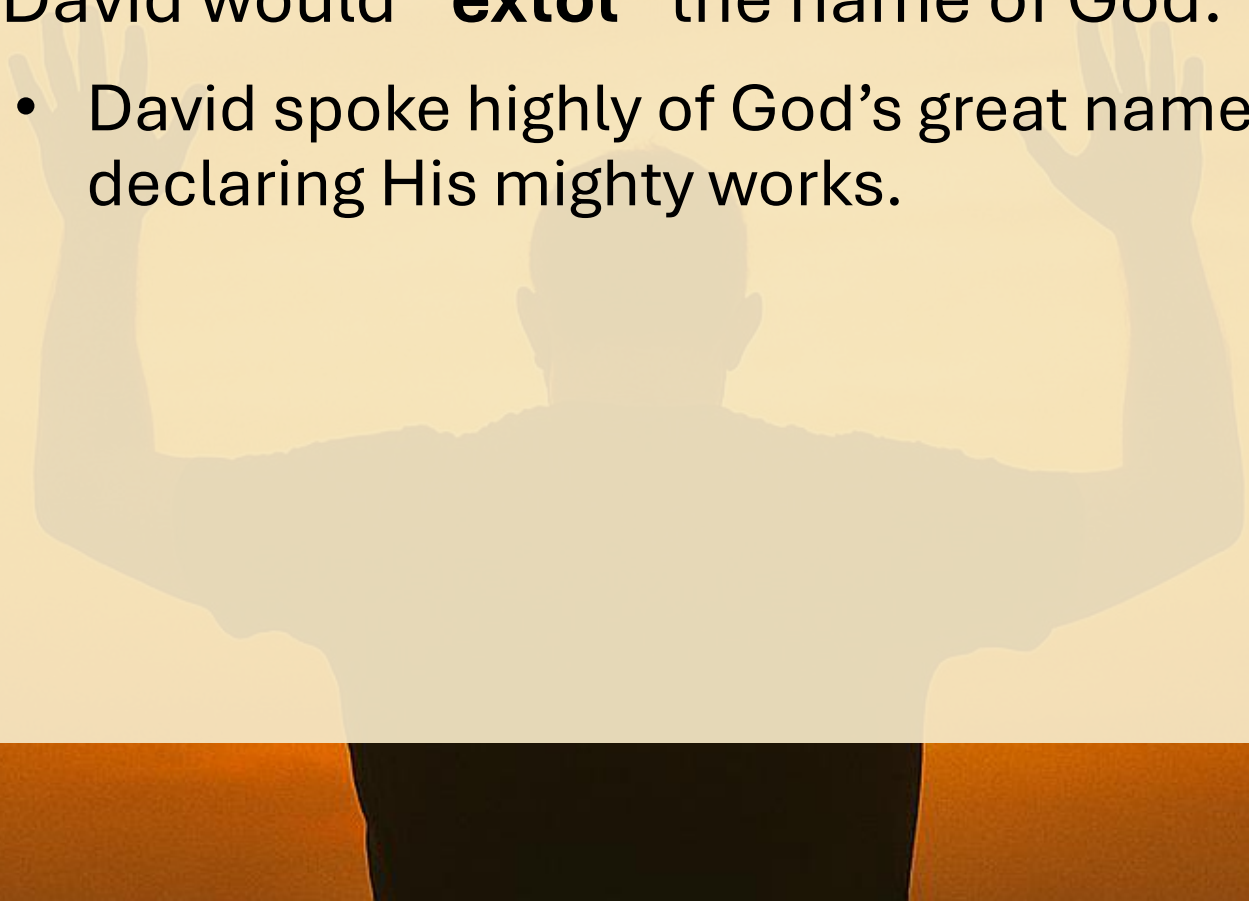
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- **Consider the example set by David.**
  - Consider Psalms 145, one of six psalms intended to praise the Lord.  
***cf. Psa 145-150***



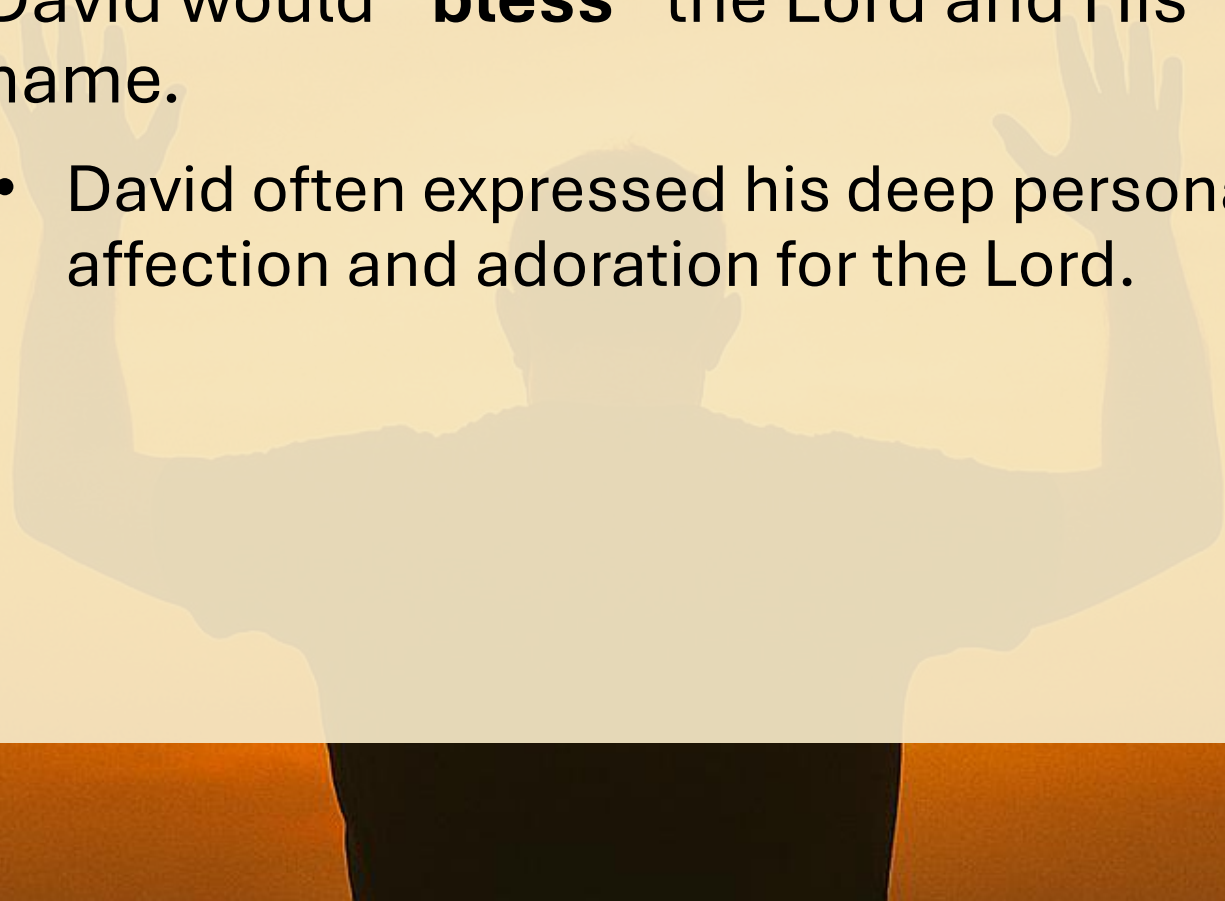
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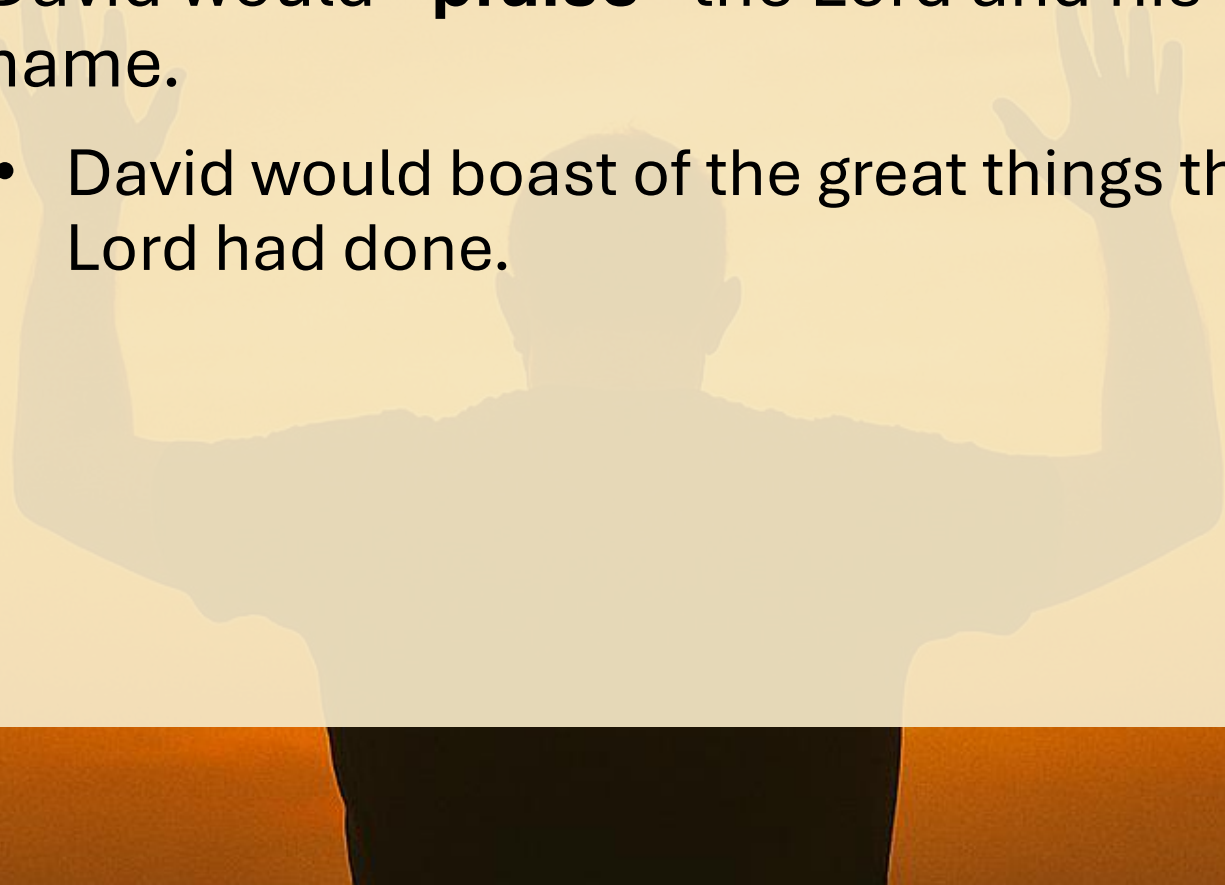
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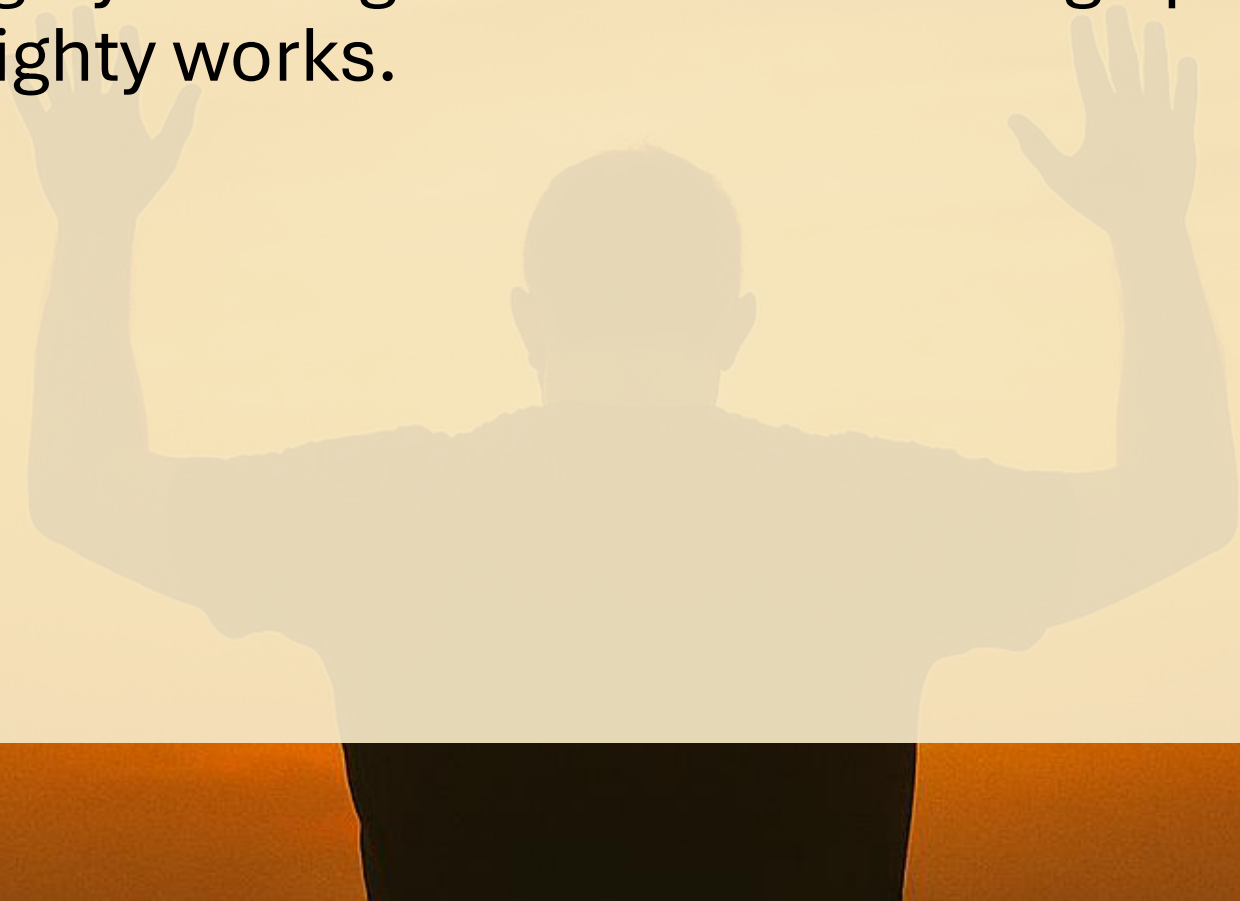
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- **Consider the example set by David.**
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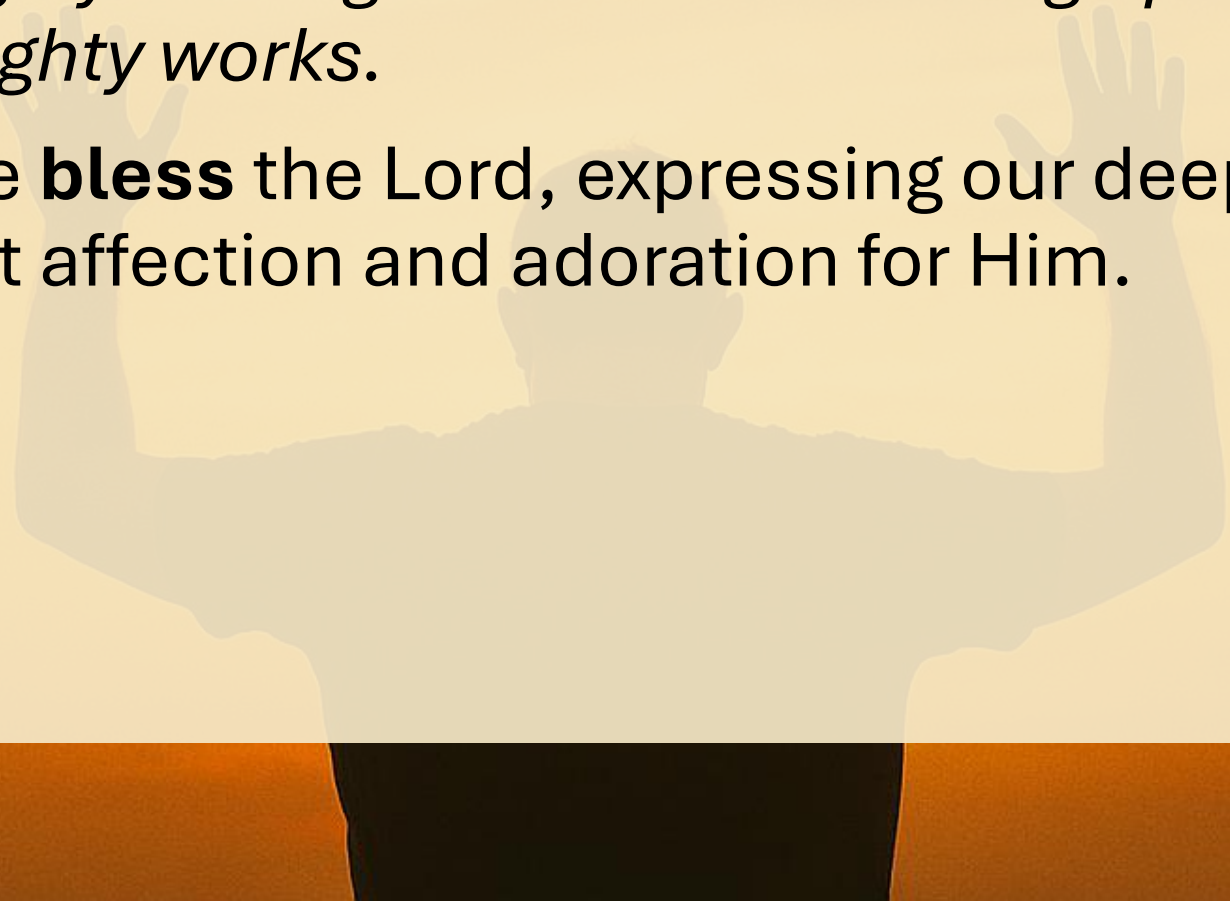
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  - We **praise** the Lord for the great things He has done.

# **Worship: Praises the Lord**

- **Consider how this is seen today.**

***Lord's Supper***



# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Lord's Supper:** We proclaim Jesus' death until He comes again. ***1 Cor 11:23-26***
    - The proclamation can be seen as a declaration of our confidence that Jesus will come again. We are declaring His victory.
    - When we partake of the Lord's supper, we are “extolling” the finished work of Christ.
    - We continue this public declaration until Jesus comes again.

# **Worship: Praises the Lord**

- **Consider how this is seen today.**

***Spiritual Songs***



# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Spiritual Songs:** We sing songs written to praise the Lord.
    - The Hebrew writer referred to the “*sacrifice of praise to God*” being the “*fruit of our lips.*”  
***Heb 13:15***
      - When we sing songs and hymns to the Lord, we are offering up as praise the words that come from our heart and pass over our lips.

# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Spiritual Songs:** We sing songs written to praise the Lord.
    - Jesus and His apostles sang a hymn and went out from the garden. ***Matt 26:30***
    - Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God while in prison. ***Acts 16:25***

# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Spiritual Songs:** We sing songs written to praise the Lord.
    - Paul told the Christians in Ephesus to “...*be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...*” **Eph 5:18b-20**

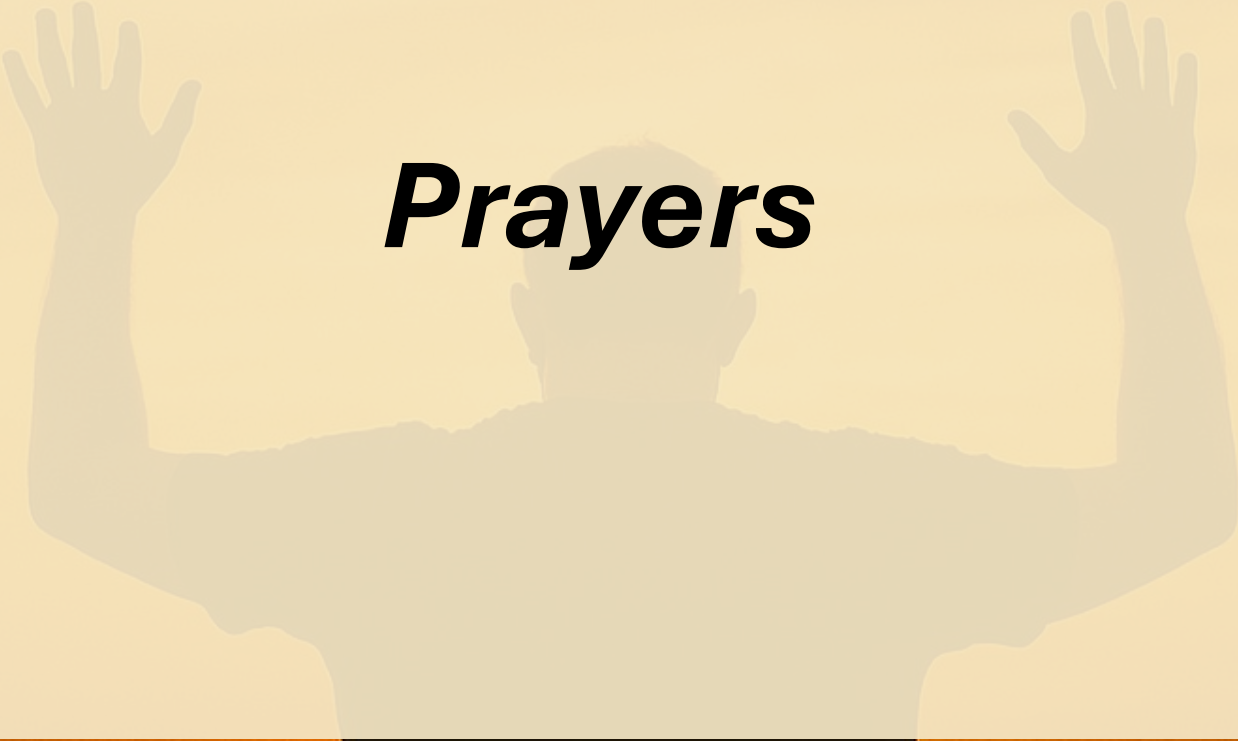
# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Spiritual Songs:** We sing songs written to praise the Lord.
    - Paul told the Christians in Colosse to “*let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord...*” **Col 3:16-17**

# **Worship: Praises the Lord**

- **Consider how this is seen today.**

***Prayers***



# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Prayers:** We praise the Lord for what He has done.
    - After Peter and John were released from jail, they returned to the brethren and prayed together to the Lord. ***Acts 4:23-31***
      - They began the prayer with praise.

# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **Prayers:** We praise the Lord for what He has done.
    - Praise can be associated with prayers of thanksgiving. We are giving thanks for the great things God has done. ***Phil 4:6; Col 1:3; 4:2***
    - Paul told Timothy that “*supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.*” ***1 Tim 2:1-2***

# **Worship: Praises the Lord**

- **Consider how this is seen today.**

***The Sermon***



# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **The Sermon:** We hear God's word, lifting it up over the wisdom of man.
    - A few examples...
      - Moses reading the Covenant. ***Exo 24***
      - King Josiah reading the Law. ***2 Kings 23***
      - Ezra at the Water Gate. ***Neh 8***
      - Jesus in the Nazareth synagogue. ***Luke 4***
      - The whole city gathering to hear the word. ***Acts 13:44***

# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **The Sermon:** We hear God's word, lifting it up over the wisdom of man.
    - Paul instructed Timothy to give attention to the public reading of God's word.  
**1 Tim 4:13**
      - *“Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.” NASB*

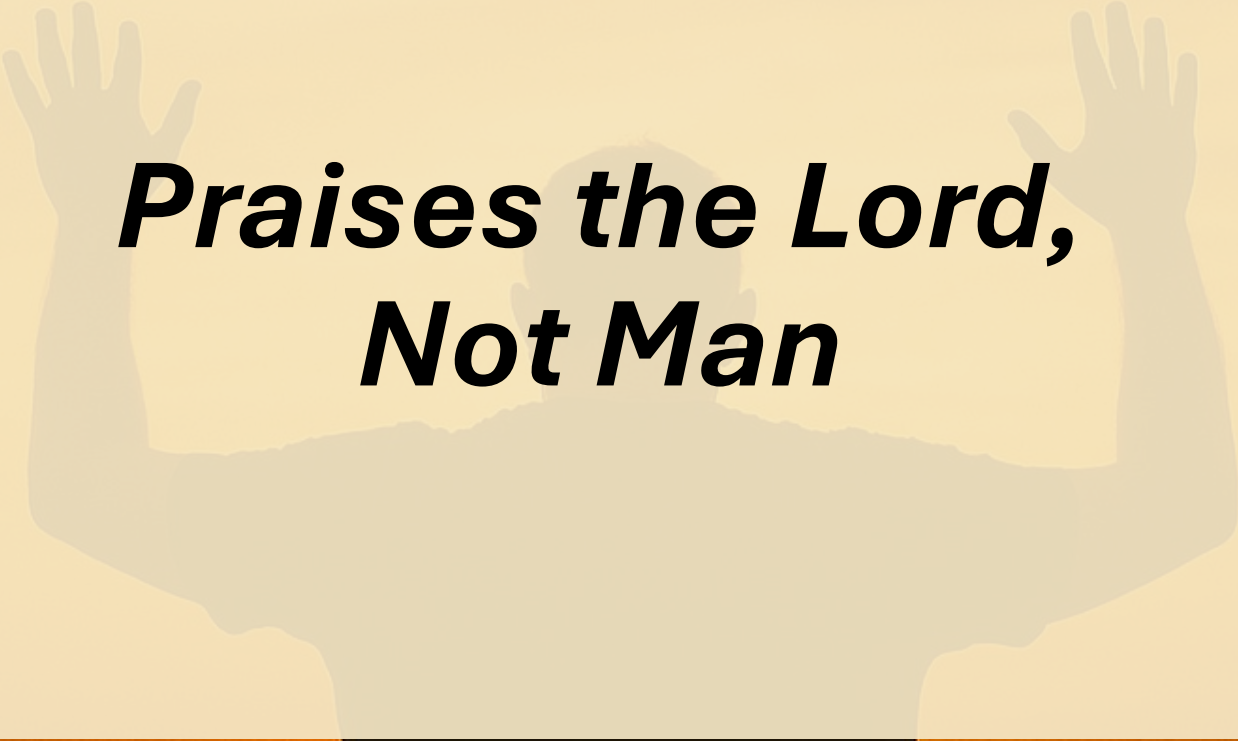
# Worship: Praises the Lord

- **Consider how this is seen today.**
  - **The Sermon:** We hear God's word, lifting it up over the wisdom of man.
    - Paul told Timothy to "*preach the word.*"  
**2 Tim 4:2-5**
      - We submit to hearing God's message.
      - We recognize that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
      - We show respect and reverence for God's words and instructions.

# **Worship: Praises the Lord**

- **Acceptable worship...**

***Praises the Lord,  
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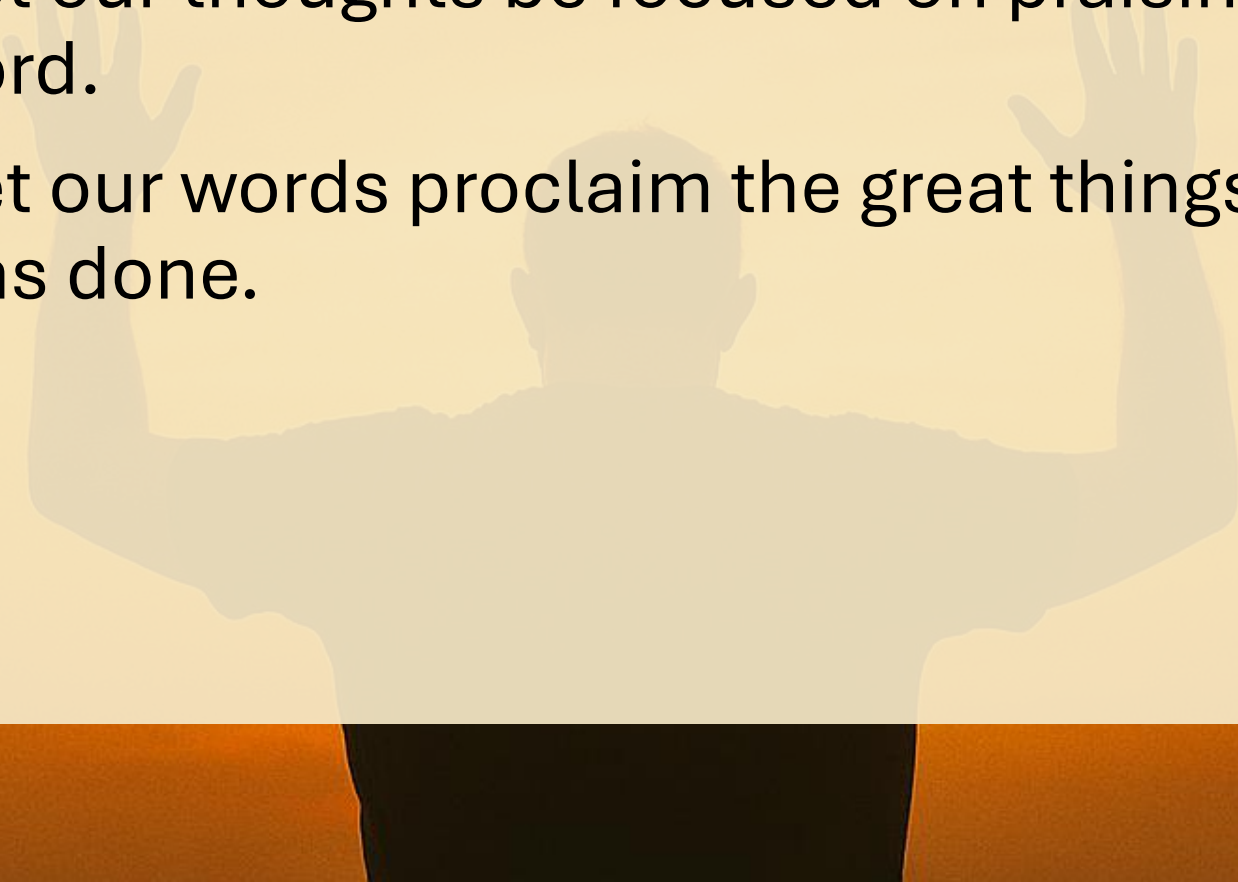
- **Acceptable worship praises the Lord, not man.**
  - Worship seeks God's approval, not man's.
  - Worship praises God, not man.
  - Worship blesses God's holy name.
  - Worship seeks God's attention, not man's.
  - Worship brings the "sacrifice of praise" to God and not to ourselves.

# Conclusion

- **Let us praise the Lord together.**
  - Paul wrote, *“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* **Rom 15:5-6**

# Conclusion

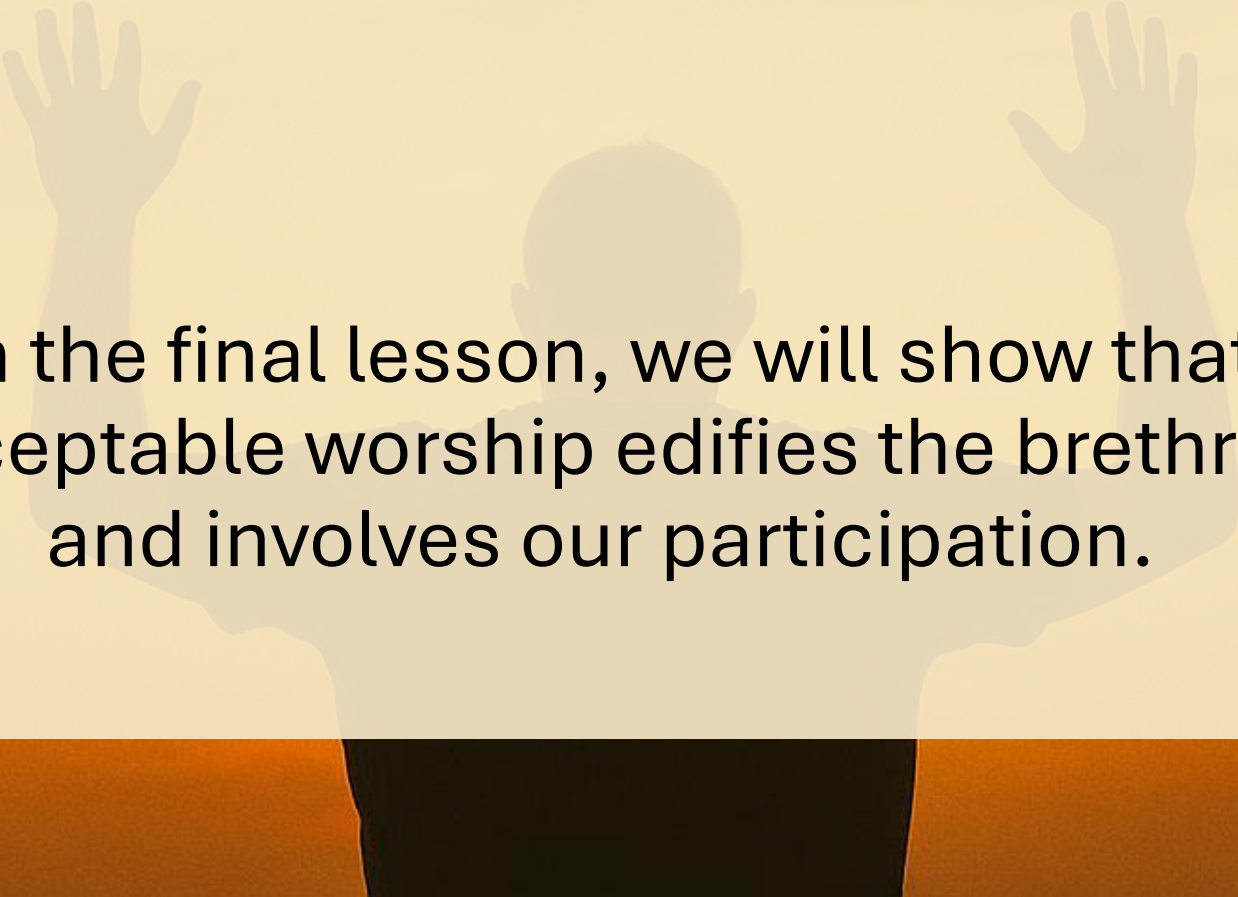
- **Let us praise the Lord together.**
  - Let our hearts be humbled before the Lord.
  - Let our thoughts be focused on praising the Lord.
  - Let our words proclaim the great things He has done.



# Conclusion

- **Acceptable Worship...**
  - **Praises the Lord.**

In the final lesson, we will show that acceptable worship edifies the brethren and involves our participation.

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