

Heartfelt Worship of God

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Introduction

1. Ephesians 5:18-21
 - a. "...*be filled with...*" [literally, "cram, filled up" (cf. Luke 24:44)].
 - b. "...*the Spirit...*" – Spirit in a book about the church (Eph. 1:13-14; 2:18, 3:5, 16; 4:4, 30; 5:9, 18; 6:17, 18)!
 - c. "...*speaking...singing ...making melody...giving...submitting...*" – Five present participles specify the results of our being *filled with the Spirit*.
2. From this passage three words emerge that can help us in our quest for a "Heartfelt Worship of God."

I. "Serve"

- A. cf. 1 Peter 5:5, ASV
- B. Text:
 1. "...*speaking...*" – *laleo*
 - (a) Lenski, suggests, "opposite of 'to keep still'...must express themselves...so full" (e.g. Psa. 103:1-5).
 2. "...*to one another...*"
 - (a) Note how frequently these words are found in a book addressed to faithful Christians (Eph. 4:2, 25, 32; 5:19, 21).
 3. "...*submitting...*" [a passive verb]
 - (a) This is not something we do but something that is done to us.
 - (b) We accept a role of submission to God and others in our worship.
 - (c) Cf. "I just don't get anything out of" (1 Pet. 2:5).
- C. Hebrews 10:24-25

II. "Spiritual"

- A. cf. Galatians 6:1-2
- B. Text [three different types of poetic expression, similar, but slightly different]:
 1. "...*psalms...*" – OT book of songs composed of "Prayers" and "Praise" (cf. Psa. 101:1-2)
 2. "...*hymns...*" – A song of praise to gods, heroes, conquerors (Acts 16:25)
 3. "...*spiritual songs...*" – Modifier important (1 Pet. 2:5)
- C. John 4:23-24 + Joshua 24:14

III. "Smile"

- A. cf. 1 Peter 1:8
 1. "...*nobody smiles.*" Why?
 - (a) Tired
 - (b) Time
 - (c) Tradition
 - (d) Trite
- B. Text ["...*in your heart...*" – *psallo* > *psao*, "to rub the surface, to pluck." The instrument employed is the heart (cf. Matt. 15:8).]:
 1. "...*giving thanks...*" – *eucharisteo* [cf. "eucharist"] > *eu*, "well" + *charizomai* > *charis*, "grace"
 2. "...*all things...*" [alternative "*for everyone*"] – Lyrics: "Bind Us Together, Lord" (John 13:35).
 3. "...*to God the Father...*" – NOTE: *Spirit...Lord...Father*. Try that with a sad countenance (2 Cor. 13:14).
- C. James 5:13

Conclusion

1. *proskuneo* > *pros*, "toward" and *kuneo*, "to kiss." Hence, "blowing a kiss to God"; or, the sacrifice of our feelings to God.
2. Maybe that is why someone has called worship an *inner* adventure. – Lyrics: "I Love You Lord"