

AUTHENTIC PRAYER: WORSHIPING

Psalm 145 — September 13, 2009

What did David experience in his heart towards God? (vv.1-3)

He sees that God is infinitely great; loves that God is infinitely great; loves everything about God that makes Him infinitely great; lifts God to the highest place in his heart and joyfully expresses to God that He's infinitely great.

That's worship.

What keeps us from worshiping God?

The things we've put above God in our hearts. The idols we're trusting and worshiping.

How can our hearts be changed? (vv.4-20)

By worshiping.

Repenting of my weak desires for God.
Confessing my idols to God.
Asking forgiveness in Jesus' name.
Asking God to change my heart.
Setting my heart on the truth of who God is.

Worship is war against your idols.

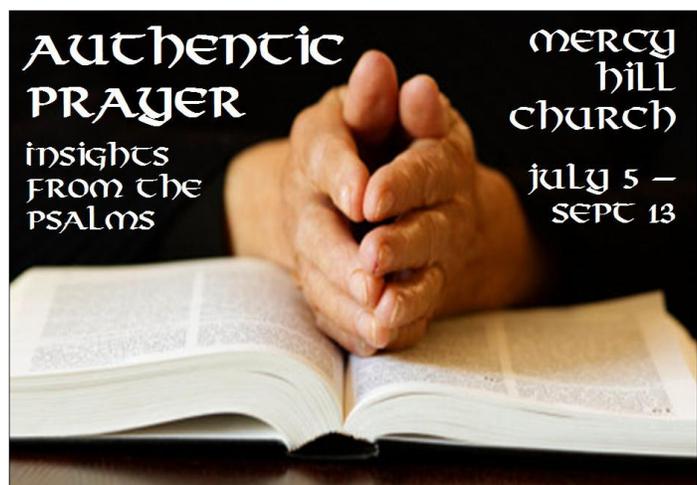
David gives us five truths about God — truths which can help us destroy our idols:

1. God works in everything with power, wonder, goodness, and righteousness (vv.4-7)
2. God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and loving (vv.8-9)
3. God's kingdom works continue forever (vv.10-13)
4. God helps all who call upon Him in truth (14-20a)
5. God will destroy the wicked (20b)

What will result from this? (v.21)

Worship.

Idol-destroying worship.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read Psalm 145.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

How much have you experienced true worship — where you feel deep joy in expressing to God His infinite greatness?

Does it make sense that we are kept from worship by idols that we've elevated above God? Why or why not?

What idols have you been worshiping?

Have you ever thought of worship as warfare against idols? How does that picture of worship help you?

Which of the five truths (vv.4-20) was most significant to you? Why?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

