
WOR 101 - 3 credits
Believer's Worship I

Description:

In this course, students will discover the priority of worship in God's economy. They will learn what worship is, how they can become worshipers, and what their responsibilities are as worshipers. The "new song" will be examined, as well as praise in the life of Jesus. Finally, they will learn how to recognize and live in the presence of God through worship.

Texts:

A Passion for His Presence by LaMar Boschman

Praise and Worship Series DVD

Praise in the Life of Jesus DVD

The Hallelujah Factor by Jack R. Taylor

The Philosophy of Worship by Judson Cornwall

Course Objectives

Academic:

As a result of the course, you will:

- Discuss at least five characteristics of the omnipresence of God, with a Scripture reference for each.
- Discuss at least five biblical examples of the manifest presence of God. Describe the circumstances, how He appeared, and the results of His presence.
- Discuss the meaning of God's name, "Lord of Hosts".
- Discuss the meaning of God's name, "Immanuel".
- Discuss the prerequisite(s) to coming into the presence of God.
- Discuss the pathway(s) into God's presence.
- Discuss the three forms of witness that God provides during worship as a testimony of His glory.
- Give a working definition of praise.
- List the three categories into which all praises fall, and give at least one biblical example of each category.

- Quote the following verses:

✓ Psalm 8:2

✓ Psalm 50:23

✓ Psalm 100:1-5

✓ I Thessalonians 5:16-18

✓ Isaiah 6:3

✓ Revelation 4:8b

✓ Revelation 4:11

✓ Revelation 19:6,7

✓ I Timothy 1:17

✓ Psalm 119:164

✓ Nehemiah 8:10b

✓ Psalm 113:3

✓ Psalm 150:6

✓ Daniel 2:20,21

✓ I Chronicles 29:11

✓ II Corinthians 9:8

✓ Psalm 24:7-10

✓ Revelation 21:3

✓ Psalm 42:1,2

- List the eight compound names of Jehovah with their meanings.
- List seven Hebrew words for praise and give their meaning. (You may also want to know a Scripture reference for each, although this is not required.)
- List at least three of the major Greek words for praise in the New Testament and one instance of each word's usage.
- Give a definition of "the glory of the Lord".
- Define "theophany".
- Give at least three examples of a theophany.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will have an overwhelming sense of the omnipresence of your God and what that means to you.
- You will long to live in the manifest presence of God.
- You will worship God for Who He is rather than what He does.
- You will be fully convinced in your heart that God reigns and is therefore worthy of praise.
- You will recognize the power of praise to meet you at your point of need.
- You will recognize that God is the answer to all your lack through your understanding of His names.
- You will view giving as an expression and integral part of your praise.

Behavioral:

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will earnestly seek the presence of God both individually and in corporate settings.
- You will regularly practice several of the forms of adoration to God, such as kneeling, raising hands, and singing.
- You will develop the joyous habit of Psalm 119:164, "Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws."
- You will give with great joy.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D" • Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C" • Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B" • Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A" • Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

Course Requirements:

1. Attend all classes or view all assigned videos if you are taking the course in an extension setting.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The DVD titled “Foundations of the Faith / Praise and Worship” contains 11 sessions: 6 lesson by Bayless Conley on “Foundations of the Faith” and 5 lessons by LaMar Boschman on “Praise and Worship.” You will only be viewing the sessions by LaMar Boschman. When you insert your DVD, you will see pictures of Rev. Bayless Conley and Dr. LaMar Boschman. Select the photo of Dr. Boschman. This will open a screen giving you a choice of five sessions. Select the session assigned in your Course Schedule. You will not be viewing the sessions by Rev. Conley during this course, but their content is excellent and you may want to view them for your own further growth and knowledge.

2. Thoroughly read *A Passion for His Presence* by LaMar Boschman.
3. Answer all questions related to *A Passion for His Presence*. They are included with this syllabus. These will be submitted to your instructor for grading at the end of the course, so either answer them on computer where they can be easily E-mailed or in a notebook which can be sent through the postal service.

4. Read *The Hallelujah Factor* by Jack Taylor in its entirety.
5. Complete the Projects in Praise at the end of each chapter of *The Hallelujah Factor*. All projects requiring a written answer will also be submitted to your instructor for grading, so answer them in such a way that this can be easily done. Memory verses will be included on the tests. While some of the projects do not lend themselves to evaluation or testing by your instructor, your life will become a demonstration of the extent to which you have devoted yourself to increase your life of praise.
6. Completely read *The Philosophy of Worship* by Judson Cornwall.
7. Earn at least a “B” on all tests.
8. Submit a paper describing the changes that the Spirit has worked in your life through this course. What new truths have you learned? What changes do you recognize in your attitudes? How is your worship life different than it was when you started this course? Include any highlights of your Thirty Days to Greater Praise. Do not give pious generalities which you think your instructor would like to hear. Be honest and specific.

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Course Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

Read the Author's Preface, Introduction and Chapter 1 of *A Passion for His Presence* by LaMar Boschman.

Answer question 1 of the attached Discussion Questions on *A Passion for His Presence*.

View LaMar Boschman Session 1 and 2 on the "Foundations of the Faith / Praise and Worship" DVD.

Complete and correct Self-Test 1

Subjects to be explored:

The Omnipresence of God

Related Objectives:

- You will have an overwhelming sense of the omnipresence of your God and what that means to you.
- You will discuss at least five characteristics of the omnipresence of God, with a Scripture reference for each.
- The Priority, Purpose and Portrayal of Worship
- The Role of Music in the Kingdom of God

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 2 of *A Passion for His Presence*.

Complete questions 2 - 4 of the related Discussion Questions.

View LaMar Boschman Session 3 on the "Foundations of the Faith / Praise and Worship" DVD.

Begin reading *The Philosophy of Worship* by Judson Cornwall. You will not be given scheduled assignments from this book but are to read it on your own, finishing it time to include your response to it in your final paper.

Complete and correct Self-Test 2

Subjects to be explored:

The Manifestation of His Presence

Related objectives:

- You will have an overwhelming sense of the manifest omnipresence of your God and what that means to you.
- You will discuss at least five biblical examples of the manifest presence of God.
- You will long to live in the manifest presence of God.
- You will give a definition of "the glory of the Lord".
- You will define "theophany".
- You will give at least three examples of a theophany.
- The Significance of the New Song