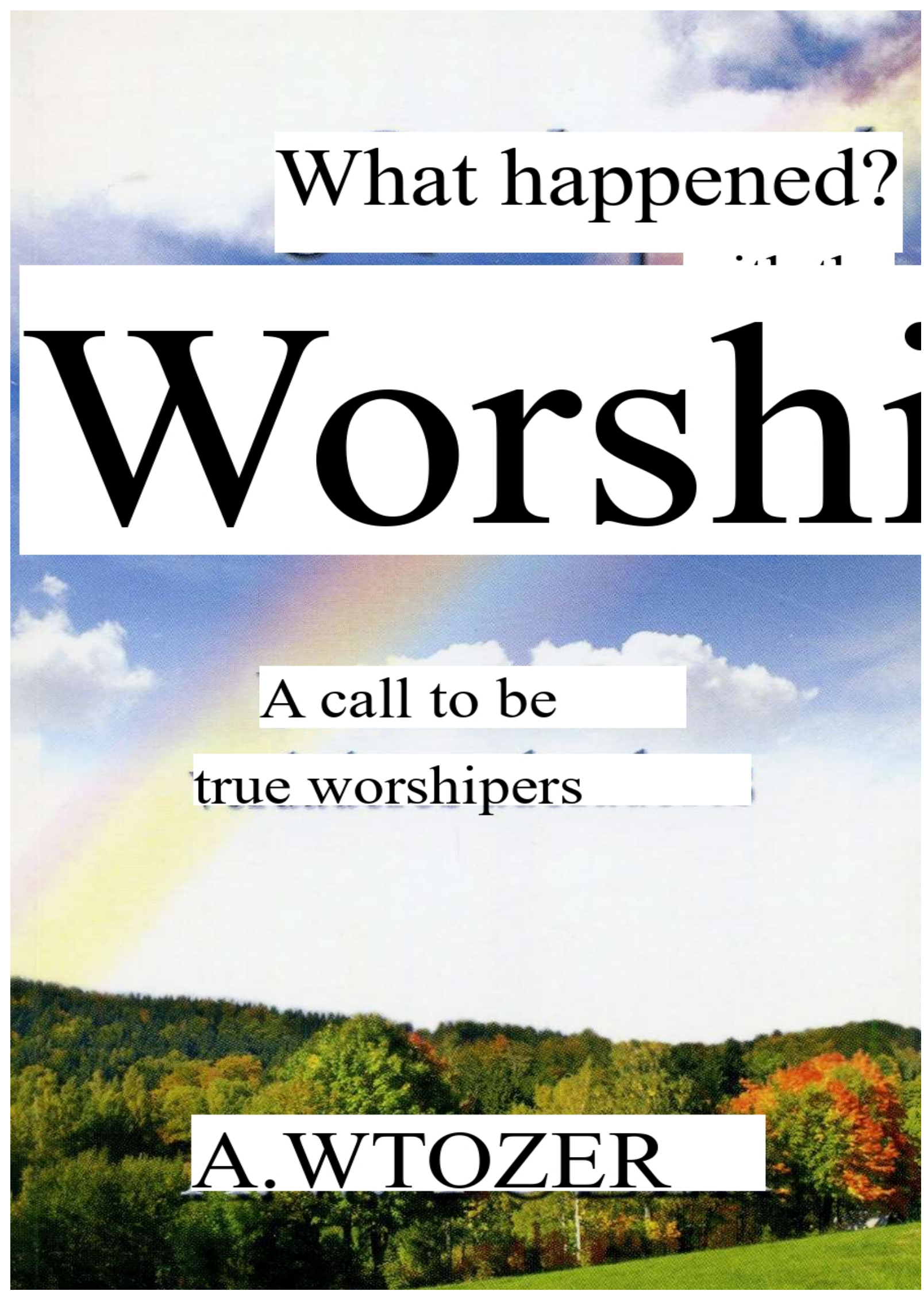




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Introduction

Before his death in 1963, Dr. A.W. Tozer expressed his opinion, according to which 'acceptable worship to God is the crown that is missing in the evangelical Christianity.' He wanted to write one more book, a book about the necessary attitudes in Christian worship.

In 1962, he prepared a series of messages titled: "Worship: the main purpose of man," which he preached from his pulpit in the Iglesia Avenue Road in Toronto. In one of those messages, he told his congregation

The coming of the Lord is near. I try to always preach with that in mind. mind and everything I write is permeated by that certainty. I want write another book on the topic of worshipping God. If I don't succeed do it, there is no problem because I prefer Jesus to come to to have the possibility of writing it.

I have read that John Wesley was once asked how I would react if I knew that Christ was coming back that same night. His response. snapshot was: 'I don't think I would change any of my plans'."

Several years ago, the audios that contained Tozer's sermons on The worship was made available to Christian Publications. The themes he had preached more than twenty years ago were still adequate. His call is even more urgent today than it was in the moment it was initially made.

The messages you will find in the following chapters have the typical mark of Tozer. Great care has been taken in compiling, organize and edit the information so that Dr. Tozer's ideas are clear, just as he originally expressed them.

Gerald B. Smith

Chapter 1

Worship in the Christian church

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot! but because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I... I will vomit from my mouth. Because you say: I am rich, and I have enriched, and I have need of nothing; and you do not know that you are an unfortunate, miserable, poor, blind, and naked person. For So, I advise you to buy refined gold from me in fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments to wear, and that you do not let the shame of your nakedness be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye drops, so you can see. I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; be zealous, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and I call; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him. with him, and he with me. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to sit down with me on my throne, just as I have overcome, and have sat down with my Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Apocalipsis 3:15–22

Christian churches have reached the dangerous moment that has A long time was predicted. It is a time when we can give ourselves. everyone a pat on the back, congratulate ourselves and join in the cheerful saying We are rich, we have become wealthy and we have no need You're welcome. It is very true that we lack almost nothing in our churches. Currently, except for the most important thing. We are missing an offering. genuine and consecrated to our own life and the worship of God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the message of Revelation, the angel of the church of Laodicea is addressed charged directly in this position (3:17, 19):

You say: I am rich, and I have become rich, and I have nothing.
necessity... I rebuke and punish all those I love; know, then,
jealous, and repent.

My deep loyalty and my responsibilities have been and always will be
will be directed towards the churches that honor Christ, believe in the
Bible and preach the gospel faithfully. We have made progress and we are
building great temples and immense congregations. We pride ourselves
of having high principles and we talk a lot about revival.

But I have a question that is not rhetorical: What has happened with
our worship? The response of many is that "we are rich and not
we need nothing. Doesn't that say something about the way in which
Has God blessed us?

Did you know that the highly quoted author Jean-Paul Sartre mentioned that he
I had returned to philosophy and to despair because I wished to distance myself
of a church that seemed secular to him? Sartre said: "I could not see in the
God in the fashion that they taught me to someone who would want my soul. I
I needed a Creator and I was introduced to a great man of
businesses.

None of us feels the deep concern that we should about
the image that we really project to the community around us.
That lack of concern is especially true for all those who
They profess to belong to Jesus Christ and still fail to demonstrate their love.
and compassion in the proper way. We, the Christians
fundamentalists and orthodox have earned us the reputation of being
some 'tigers' and some great defenders of the truth.

Our hands are full of calluses produced by the gloves that
we use to hit liberal believers. For what it means
our Christian faith for a lost world, we are obligated to
to defend the truth and to fight for the faith when necessary. But there is
a better way to deal with those who are liberal in their faith and in their
theology. We can help them much more if we resemble Christ than
if we metaphorically hit them in the head with our
arguments.

Liberals tell us that they cannot believe in the Bible; they tell us that they cannot believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. Therefore, but most of them are honest about it, but I am sure that we will not achieve them bowing their knees by cursing them. If we are guided by the Spirit of God and if we show the love of Lord, this world needs, we become 'pleasing saints'.

The strange and wonderful thing about this matter is that the saints who are truly nice and loving are not aware of their attractiveness.

The great saints of past eras didn't even know that they were.

If someone had told them, they wouldn't have believed it; but those who lived around them they knew that the life of Jesus was manifested in these men.

I think we can be part of the group of attractive saints when God's purposes in Christ become clear to us. For to be part of that very special group we need to learn to worship God for what He is. Sometimes it seems that evangelical Christians we We feel confused and insecure about the nature of God. and its purposes in creation and in redemption.

Preachers are usually to blame for this because they still there are preachers and teachers who say that Christ died so that we would neither drink nor smoke nor go to the movies.

No wonder people are so confused. No wonder people they decide to go back when they are taught that these things are the reason of salvation.

Jesus was born of a virgin, suffered under the power of Pontius Pilate, died on the cross and rose from the grave to transform rebels into worshipers. And He has done all this through grace, of which we are object. Perhaps that doesn't sound very dramatic but it is the revelation and the way of acting of God.

Another example of a mistaken thought regarding God is the the vision that so many people have that God is dedicated to doing charitable works. These people think that God resembles a

frustrated foreman who is unable to gather enough help; according to them, the Sir is by the road wondering how many people will come to help him and they will start the work.

Oh, if we only remembered who He is! God has never needed us. to none of us; not even to a single person. But we we believe that He does need us and we put on a great show when someone accepts 'to work for the Lord'. All of us should to be willing to work for the Lord because it is a great favor that God makes us. I am one of those who believe that we should not worry. to work for God until we have learned the meaning and the delight in worshiping it. A worshiper can perform the work with quality eternal while a worker who does not worship is only piling up wood, hay, and leaves for the day when God brings fire upon the world.

I fear that there are many professing Christians who do not want to hear this type of statements regarding the 'tight ones' "agendas" that they have, but this is the full truth. God is trying to to lead us to that for which we were created: to worship Him and enjoy Him eternally. Therefore, it is from our deep adoration that arises the ability to do his work.

I heard the president of a university say that the church is suffering an attack of inexperience.

Any person without preparation or training or depth spiritual can start a religious work and find many followers who listen to him, pay and promote the matter. At some point it becomes evident that that person had never heard of God. These things are happening around us because we do not we are worshipers. When we are part of the true worshipers, we do not waste our time on carnal religious projects or mundane.

All the examples we find in the Bible illustrate the fact that that devoted, happy, and reverent worship is the normal occupation of the

moral beings. Every flash we can see from the sky and of the creatures that God created are always a spark of worship, joy and praise because God is who He is.

In Revelation 4:10-11, the apostle John presents us with a clear depiction of the created beings that are around the throne of God. John expresses the occupation of the elderly as follows:

The twenty-four elders fall down before the one who is seated on the throne, and they worship the one who lives for ever and ever, and they throw their crowns before the throne, saying: Lord, you are worthy to receive the glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will exist and were created.

I can assert with total certainty based on the authority of what we It is revealed in the Word of God that every man or woman on this earth who feels bored or disconnected from worship is not prepared for the sky. But I can almost hear someone saying: 'Does Tozer Are you moving away from justification by faith? Haven't we been always taught that we are justified and saved and directed to heaven only by faith?' I assure you that Martin Luther never believed in the justification by faith with greater firmness than I believe. I believe that we are saved by having faith in the Son of God as Lord and Salvador.

But currently there is a deadly and automatic feature about the salvation that deeply bothers me. What I mean by the 'automatic' characteristic is that people say something similar to next: "Insert a coin of faith in the slot, pull the lever and Take a salvation card; keep it in your wallet and walk away. "calmly." After that, the man or woman can say: Yes. I am saved.

How can they have that certainty?

Because I inserted the coin of faith, I accepted Jesus and signed the card.

Very well. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with signing the card. It can be something useful for us to know who has taken one.

decision. But the truth, my beloved brother or sister, is that we come to God, to faith and to salvation in order to have the ability to adore him. We do not come to God to become Christians automated, mass-produced, labeled with a seal.

God has provided his salvation so that we may be fervent children of God. individuals who love God with all our heart and worship Him in the beauty of holiness. That doesn't mean that we all must worship in the same way; that's not what I mean. The Holy Spirit does not operate through someone else's preconceived ideas or formulas. But I know that when the Holy Spirit comes among us with his function, we become a worshiping people. Some people it may seem difficult to accept this but when we are really adoring and reverencing the God of all grace, all love, all mercy and all truth, it is impossible for us to remain silent to please other people.

I remember the description Lucas makes of the crowd that was there first Sunday of Lent:

When they were nearing the descent of the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples, rejoicing, began to praise God at great voices for all the wonders they had seen, saying: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in the highest! Then some of the Pharisees among them multitude said to him: Master, rebuke your disciples. He, answering, he said to them: I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out they would cry out. (Luke 19:37–40)

I would like to share two things about it. First of all, I do not believe that it is necessarily true that we are worshiping God when we make a lot of noise but often the worship is audible. When Jesus came to Jerusalem and presented himself as the Messiah, there was a large crowd and a great uproar. Undoubtedly, many of those who they joined in the songs and the praise they had never been able to chant the melodies in the right way. When there is a group of people who They sing in one place, with certainty some will not be in tune.

But what is worth noting about the worship of this scene is that they were praises, from a united group, to God.

Secondly, I would like to warn those who are cultured, quiet, self-controlled, relaxed, and sophisticated who do feel embarrassed in the church when a happy Christian says: "Amen!", very likely they need spiritual illumination. The saints of God who are in the the body of Christ has usually been noisy.

I hope you have had the opportunity to read some of the devotionals left to us by certain beloved saints who lived in the past as Lady Julián, who lived more than six hundred years ago. She wrote that one day she had been thinking about how big and sublime era Jesus and how, despite that, He fulfills the deepest desires. humble of our heart; that meditation blessed it so much that it did not he was able to control himself and exclaimed a powerful shout of praise to God in Latin. Well, glory to God.

Well, my dear friend, if that makes you uncomfortable, it probably is because you do not know the type of blessings and delight that the Spirit Saint wants to grant to the saints who worship God. Did you notice what Lucas wrote about the Pharisees and the request they made to Jesus. to draw the attention of his disciples for praising God in loud voice? Their ritual norms probably allowed them to whisper the words Glory to God but they were very uncomfortable to hear that someone would say them out loud. Jesus said to them: "They are doing what Correct. God my Father and I and the Holy Spirit must be worshiped. If men and women do not adore me, the very rocks will. praise.

Those religious Pharisees, so well-dressed and sober, would have fallen. dead in the midst of their composure if they had heard that a rock gave praises to the Lord. Well, we have churches immense, beautiful sanctuaries and we join the choir that says: 'No we have no need for anything.' But there are clear signs that we do we need worshipers.

We have a multitude of men who are willing to be part of the leadership meetings of a church but do not have the desire to experience joy and spiritual fervor and never attend the prayer meetings of the church. Those are the men who they usually make decisions about the budget, the expenses of the church and the decorations that the new temple should have that is going to build.

They are the men who run the church, but it is impossible to make them attend prayer meetings because they are not worshipers. Perhaps to Don't you think that's an important matter? But, in my way of seeing things, precisely that way of thinking turns you in a member of that group.

It seems to me that it has always been a terrible incongruence that the men who do not pray and do not worship are the ones who truly lead many of the churches and ultimately determine the direction that these They will take. It is something that clearly applies to many of our situations and perhaps it is because it is necessary to admit that in many "Good" churches have allowed women to pray and the men who make the decisions. Since we are not true worshipers, we spend a great amount of time in the church doing unnecessary rounds, having many activities and a lot of noise but without heading anywhere.

Oh, brother or sister, God calls us to worship but in many at times we are dedicated to entertainment putting on a show a play of very poor quality. That is the point at which we are in many evangelical churches and I am not uncomfortable saying that most of the people we say we are trying to ever reach, they will never come to the church to see a handful of actors inexperienced individuals putting on a homemade show with very little talent.

I want to tell you that, aside from politics, there is no other field of activity in which there are so many words and so few works, so much wind and little rain. What are we going to do about the beautiful and amazing worship that Does God call us to offer Him? I prefer to worship God than to perform.

any other activity that I know exists in this vast world.

I don't even want to tell you the number of hymnals I have in my study. I don't have the talent to sing well, but that doesn't matter to God; He thinks I am an opera star. God listens to me while I sing the old hymns translated from French and Latin into English. God hears me while I sing the old Greek hymns that I used to sing. Eastern church, the psalms written in meter and many other songs simple ones composed by Watts, Wesley, and so many others.

I am serious when I say that I prefer to worship God than to do anything else. Perhaps you might respond: 'If you worship God, do not just that.' But that only reveals that you haven't done your homework. because the beauty of worship is that it prepares and empowers us for all the other important tasks we must carry out for God.

Listen to me; practically every great work that has been done in the church of Christ since the remote times of the apostle Paul has been accomplished by people who shone with radiant devotion to God.

By studying the history of the church, we will verify that the fervent worshipers were also the great workers of God. Those great saints whose hymns we sing today with tenderness, were active in their faith to such an extent that it is worth asking how it was possible that they will do all the things they did. The big hospitals arose from the hearts of fervent worshippers. The institutions mentalities were born in the hearts of men and women filled with compassion and worship and it is also valid to say that when the church comes out of its lethargy and wakes up from its dream to enter into the movement of revival and spiritual renewal, there have always been worshippers promoting the matter.

We make a mistake if we remain still and say: 'But if we... we give in to worship, no one will do anything.' On the contrary, if we respond to the call that God makes to us for worship, everyone will do more than what he is doing so far because only in that moment what everyone does will have meaning and importance; those

works will have a quality of eternity; they will be gold, silver, and stones precious, not wood, hay and leaves.

Why should we be silent about the wonders of God? We should rather join joyfully with Isaac Watts in one of his hymns of worship:

Bless, Oh my soul, the living God,
Bring home your thoughts that wander abroad
May all the abilities within me unite.

In the work and worship of the divinity

Bless, Oh my soul, the God of grace,
Your favors call for your most noble praise
Why let the wonders He has done

Do they get lost in silence and forget?

Let all the earth confess its power

Let all the earth adore His grace

The Gentiles and the Jews will unite.

In the work and worship of divinity

I can't decide for you, but I want to be among those who worship; not I want to be just a part of a grand machinery ecclesiastical in which the pastor moves the levers so that the machine Come on. You know what I mean. The pastor loves everyone and everyone... he loves him; that's what they pay him for.

I wish for us to return to worship. Then, when people enter to the church, they will instantly feel that they are in the midst of a people Saint, the people of God. Then he will testify: "Surely, God is in this place.

Chapter 2

The new birth is the requirement for true worship

And He gave you life when you were dead in your sins crimes and sins, in which you walked in another time, following the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience, among which we all lived in another time in the desires of our flesh, making the will of the flesh and of the thoughts, and we were by nature children of wrath, just like the others. But God, who he is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even being dead in sins, He gave us life together with Christ (for by grace you are saved), and together with him we he resurrected, and likewise made us sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, to show in the coming ages the abundant riches of His grace in His goodness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith; and this is not from you, for it is a gift of God; not by works, so that no one Let him glory. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus. for good works, which God prepared beforehand for that we would walk in them.

Efesios 2:1–10

There are many strange ideas regarding God in our time and for there are all kinds of substitutes for true worship. In many On occasions, I have heard different Christians say: 'I truly believe that I do not...' I know a lot about God." If that confession is true, people they should also be honest enough to make a parallel confession: "I think I really don't know much about the adoration.

Indeed, the basic beliefs regarding the person and nature of God have changed so much that now we find among us men and women who find it easy to boast about blessings that they receive from God, without ever experiencing the desire of to know the true meaning of worship.

I experience an immediate reaction to such an extreme misunderstanding about the true nature of a holy and sovereign God. The first I believe that the last thing God desires is to have worldly children with superficial thoughts that boast of Him. My second the reaction is that apparently it is not well recognized that the supreme desire The will of God is that each of His children loves and adores Him so much that we may continually be in his presence in spirit and in truth. That it is true worship.

When Jesus Christ is asked to take the place that belongs to him, something extraordinary, miraculous, and transformative happens in the soul of the man. That is exactly what God expected to happen when he executed the plan of salvation. He intended to convert rebellious people into worshipers, restore in men and women the value of worship that our first parents knew when they were created.

When we experience this precious reality in our lives, we stopped waiting for Sunday to be able to "go to church" and worship." True worship of God must be a condition constant and consistent or a state of mind of the believer. Always is based on the recognition of love and fervor, which are subjects in this life subject to different degrees of perfection and intensity.

It is important to mention another aspect about the current approach regarding to worship. Unlike what is said and practiced in the Churches, true worship is not something we do with the hope to be merciful. It is undoubted that many people who they have a sincere desire to practice true religion emphasize that It is necessary to faithfully attend worship services.

We need to ask ourselves what Scripture teaches us regarding the communion that exists between God and the children he has redeemed. The truth What we find in the Bible is simple and fills us with hope. Since we have been made in his image, we possess in our within the capacity to know God and the instinct to worship Him. In the same moment when the Spirit grants us his life through the regeneration, our whole being recognizes the similarity we have with God and vibrate full of joy that springs up spontaneously like consequence of this understanding.

That response that occurs within our being, a response to forgiveness and regeneration, it reveals the miracle of birth celestial, without which we cannot see the kingdom of God. We can assert with certainty that God is pleased to communicate with us through of our mind, our will, and our emotions.

The desire that is in the heart of God is manifested in religion. true that teaches the New Testament; it is an exchange continued and without restriction of love and truths between God and the souls of the redeemed. In fact, it is impossible to consider this type of relationship without acknowledging that the main work of the Holy Spirit is to restore the lost souls to an intimate communion with God through the washing of regeneration.

To achieve this, he first reveals Christ to the penitent heart: 'For Therefore, I let you know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls anathema to Jesus; and no one can call Jesus Lord, except through the Holy Spirit.'" (1 Cor. 12:3). Let us also consider the words that Christ expressed to his disciples about the powerful traits of light that they spring from their being and will illuminate the soul of the new creature of God. But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and will remind you of everything that I I have told you.'" (John 14:26).

Remember that we come to know Christ only to the extent that Spirit allows us. We should be grateful to discover that

God's desire is to lead every willing heart to the depths and heights of divine knowledge and communion.

As soon as God sends the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, we can say: 'Abba'. And we start to worship. But probably we are not yet doing it in every sense of the word New Testament

God desires to take us to greater levels of depth with Him. We have much to learn in the school of the Spirit, which wants to guide us in our love for the one who loved us first. He wants to cultivate within us the worship and admiration that he is worthy of. He wishes to reveal to each of us the blessed element of fascination. spiritual in true prayer. It wants to teach us the wonder that it arises when we are filled with a moral enthusiasm in our worship, entranced by the revelation of who God is. He wants that let us marvel at the inconceivable greatness, magnitude, and splendor from the Almighty God.

There is no human experience that can replace this kind of adoration and this type of response produced by the Spirit before the God who created us, redeemed us, and governs us. However, we find in many parts a clear and continuous substitution of the worship. I am referring to the irresistible temptation that believers have. of constantly being occupied, every hour of the day, in activities religious. We cannot deny that this is definitely an idea. ecclesial of service. Many of our sermons and a large part of our contemporary ecclesiastical teaching rests on the idea of that with all certainty the plan of God for us is that we be busy, busy and more busy because it is the best cause in the world in which we can get involved.

Could we dare to ask ourselves how it was possible that would we reach this state? If you are willing to ask yourself that question, I am willing to try to answer it. In fact, I will answer it. asking another obvious question. How can our approach to the adoration is to be more vital than it is, when many of those of us who

guidance, both from the pulpit and from the seats, gives us a such a poor indication that communion with God is even more delightful beyond what can be expressed?

Think for a moment about the knowledge you have about the New Will and will agree that this is exactly the teaching.

about the true worship that Jesus was communicating to them inflexible Pharisees who considered themselves righteous in their own opinion. They were religious in their daily life. They had an appearance of piety and they were well aware of the forms of worship but within their inner being existed bad attitudes, faults and hypocrisies, which made Jesus them described as 'whited sepulchers'.

The only justice they knew and understood was their external form of justice that was based on maintaining a high level of external morality. Since they saw God as such a strict, austere being, merciless as they were, their concept of worship was necessarily low and undignified. For a Pharisee, service to God was a burden that was not loved but from which one could not escape without suffering a loss too great to bear. God, in the Pharisaical perspective, he was not a God with whom it was easy to live. so, their daily religion became rigorous and harsh, without any trace of true love in her.

It can be said that humans try to resemble our God. If we conceive him as someone rigorous, relentless and hard, that's how we will become. But the blessed and hopeful truth is that God is the most pleasant of all beings and we should to experience an ineffable pleasure in our worship.

The living God has been willing to reveal Himself to our needy. hearts and he wants us to know and understand that it is all love, and that those who trust in Him need to know nothing more than that love. God wants us to know that He is just and certainly not He will forgive the sin. He has communicated with us with overwhelming clarity. that through the blood of the eternal covenant can act in favor of we as if we had never sinned.

What a Pharisee did not understand is that God relates to those who have... redeemed through a simple and uninhibited communion that produces rest and health to the soul. The God who has redeemed us in love, through the merits of his eternal Son, is not irrational nor selfish. He is not temperamental either. As he is today, he will be tomorrow, and the next day and the following year.

The God who desires our communion and friendship is not difficult to please, although it can be difficult to satisfy. Just wait for what He has supplied Himself. He is very willing to accept any simple effort we make to please him is equally willing to overlook our imperfections when he knows that we are looking to do your will.

It is true that the God we love sometimes disciplines us. But even that, she does with a smile; the tender and proud smile of a father who pours his satisfaction over an imperfect son but promising one who comes to Him every day to resemble more and more whose son he is. We should delight in the joy of believing that God is the sum of all patience and the true essence of goodness, and good will. The way we please Him the most is not by trying frenetically of being good, but throwing ourselves into his arms with all our imperfections and believing that He understands everything and still accepts us but.

The gratifying part of all this is the relationship between God and the soul. redeemed is revealed to us through a personal consciousness; that consciousness does not come through the body of believers but is given to them granted to the individual, and to the body through the individuals who component. It is something conscious; it does not stay below the threshold of the awareness to act in an unknown way in the soul.

This communication, this awareness is not an end but a beginning. It is the point of reality where we began our communion, friendship, and intimacy with God. But the point at which we stop is still not it has been discovered by no man, for there is no limit or end in the mysterious depths of the triumphant God who has saved us.

When we arrived at this sweet relationship, we began to learn what it is an amazing reverence, an incomparable worship, a incredible fascination, a noble admiration of God's attributes and an inevitable silence that occurs when we know that God is search.

Perhaps you have never noticed this before, but all these elements in our perception and consciousness of the divine presence are part of what the Bible calls the fear of God. We can have a million fears in our hours of pain or in the threats of danger or in the face of the expectation of punishment or death. What we need to fully recognize that the fear of God that the Bible teaches that one can never be induced by any kind of threats or punishments.

The fear of God is a 'wonderful reverence' of which he wrote the great Faber. I would say it can be anywhere in its range. more basic: the terror of the guilty soul before a holy God, up to the fascinating self-absorption of a saint prostrated in adoration. There is there are very few absolute things in our lives but I believe that fear reverence for God mixed with love, fascination, wonder, admiration and devotion is the most delightful state and the most purifying that the human soul can come to know.

I know from personal experience that I couldn't live for long as Cristiano without this inner awareness of the presence and closeness of God. I imagine there are people who are strong enough. to live day by day based on ethics, without any kind of intimate spiritual experience. They say that Benjamin Franklin was that kind of person. of man.

He was not a Christian but a deist. Whitefield prayed for him and told him that he I was doing. But Franklin replied to him: 'I don't think it is' serving no purpose because I am still not saved.

Franklin did the following. He kept a daily record in a series of square graphs that represented virtues such as honesty,

faithfulness, charity, and probably a dozen more of these. The I was in a kind of calendar and when I had violated one of the virtues, I took note. When a day or a month passed without having broken none of his own commandments, he considered that he was acting very good as a human.

A great sense of ethics? Yes. Any sense of the divine? No. There isn't. no trace of anything spiritual. There is no worship or reverence. No there is fear of God before their eyes; all this according to their own testimony. I do not belong to that kind of men. I can only be fair. keeping the fear of God in my soul and delighting in the fascinating moment of worship. Aside from that, I don't know any other type of rules.

I deeply regret that this powerful sense of pious fear causes so much lack in today's churches; its absence is a sign. The fear of God it should be over us like the cloud was over Israel. It should falling over us like a sweet and invisible mantle. It should be a force that will condition our inner lives. It should provide meaning to each text of the Scriptures and converting each day of the week On a holy day. We should turn every place we step on into holy ground.

We tremble with many kinds of fears: fear of Communism, fear of the collapse of civilization and even fear of being invaded by beings from another planet. Men believe they know what it means fear. But what I am talking about is the amazement and the reverence before a loving and holy God. That kind of fear can only to be produced by the presence of God.

When the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, there was great fear. in the entire crowd; however, they felt no fear of anything. A son of God who has been perfected in love has no fear, because he perfect love casts out fear. Still, among so many people that There are, someone like that is the kind of person who fears God the most.

Let's observe the apostle John as an example. When Jesus was arrested in Getsemaní, Juan was one of those who ran away.

He was probably afraid of being arrested and taken to prison. He had fear of danger, fear of punishment, and fear of being humiliated. But, time Later, the same John, exiled in Patmos because of the testimony of Jesus Christ, saw an amazing man standing in the midst of some gold lamps. The man was dressed in a white tunic and girded with a golden belt. His feet were like polished bronze and a sword came out of his mouth. His hair was white like snow and her face shone like the sun in its splendor. The astonishment, the reverence, fascination, and fear suddenly converged with such force in the person of Juan that he simply fell to the floor unconscious.

Then, this holy Priest, whom John later understood was Jesus Christ Himself, with the keys of death and hell in His hand, wine and lifted Juan, and gave him life again. Then, Juan no longer had fear or felt threatened. He experienced a kind of fear different: a divine fear. It was something holy and John felt it.

We really need to experience the presence of today. God among us to produce a sense of fear and divine reverence. It is impossible to induce that fear through the peaceful music from an instrument and lights that shine through some stained glass with beautiful designs. It cannot be induced either holding a bread in hand and asserting that this is God; much less through a frenzied state of emotional ecstasy. What people feel in the presence of that kind of paganism is not the true fear of God; it is only an experience that generates a fear superstitious.

The true fear of God is something beautiful because it is worship, love, veneration. It is a very high moral happiness for what God is. It is such a great delight that if God did not exist, the worshiper would not either. I would like to exist. He could easily pray: 'My God, remain like' You are or make me die. I can't think of another God outside of you.

True worship must be done personally in hope and love for God in such a way that the idea of changing our

affection never exists, not even remotely. That is the meaning of the fear of God. Since worship is so absent today, we must ask ourselves, then, what are we doing? We are doing our utmost to reconstruct the veil of the temple. We use artificial means to try to induce some kind of worship.

I think the devil must be laughing in hell and I believe that God He must feel very sad, for there is no fear of God in our eyes.

Chapter 3

Much of what they call worship is not.

The woman said to him: Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem It is the place where one should worship. Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem you will worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we love what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; because the Father seeks such worshipers to worship Him. God is Spirit; and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. that they worship.

John 4:19-24

All the content and truths of the Bible teach us that God, whoever needs nothing desires the worship and praise of their children that has been created. This conclusion is not just a matter of some Bible portions. Our Lord expressed it clearly and certainly. when he was on this earth. "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only you shall serve" (Luke 4:8).

There is not a single tribe on the entire planet that does not have some kind of religion and some form of worship. Human beings possess a instinct towards worship. On one occasion I wrote an editorial in the that I pointed out my point of view on the fact that when a man he kneels down, raises his hands and says: 'Our Father who art in heaven' in the sky," is doing what seems natural to him. An old man, Upon reading the editorial, he made a vehement exception regarding it. I he wrote that 'only a completely liberal editor' would say that the Worship is a natural matter for human beings. The fact is that God made us to worship Him, and if we had not fallen with Adam and Eve, Worship would be the most natural attitude for all of us.

Sin was not something natural for Adam and Eve, but they disobeyed and they fell, losing, in this way, the privilege of perfect communion with God, the Creator. Sin is not something natural; God never planned that was part of our nature. The essence of this important point is that God still desires worship but we must learn that we cannot do it as we please and worship God as we see fit.

Have you ever thought about the words of our Lord Jesus when he referred to a certain group of religious people of his time and said: "You worship what you do not know"? I dare say to you that Jesus was indeed emphasizing a fundamental truth about the adoration. Human beings have every possibility of finding forms of worship apart from Christ and the salvation that He offers.

I need to even go beyond this assertion to point out a truth similar and parallel. Authentic religious experience is also possible apart from Christ. I hope you do not misunderstand me and label me a heretic. It's true, I just said that there can be worship apart from Christ and that there can be a religious experience apart from the Lord. But not. I said, because I do not believe it, that such religious experiences or forms of Worship may be acceptable to God. There are certain types of worship that God will not accept, even if they are directed to Him and have the intention of that He accepts them.

The Bible records that when Jesus was teaching on earth, he told his listeners that the day would come when people would say to him: "Did not we not do miracles in your name? Did we not prophesy in your name? 'Streets?' Do you remember the rigor and precision of the response? of God? "I never knew you; depart from me." Human beings must learn not to be mistaken about the nature of the true worship, which is always in spirit and truth. It is totally possible to have a religious experience and forms of worship that do not they are absolutely acceptable to God.

The Apostle Paul wrote something simple, concise, and compelling to the first Christians who made up the church of Corinth. Paul had a deep certainty that people can have an experience

of worship that is not in accordance with the will of God, reason why the such worship would never be accepted by God.

Observe what Paul declares: 'I say that what the gentiles they sacrifice, they sacrifice to the demons, and not to God; and I don't want that you become participants with demons.' (1 Cor. 10:20). The the apostle taught that any form of idolatry is abominable and unacceptable before the living God even if it is a very real experience for those who live it.

That is one of the reasons why Jesus told a certain group of people: 'You adore what you do not know.' It is possible that someone experience the elements of worship (admiration, humility, surrender, attachment) and does not belong to the redeemed. I believe it is worth the it is worth noting that Thomas Carlyle, in his writing Heroes and Worship Heroic, warned us not to make the mistake of thinking that the the great pagan religions of the world are a farce. Carlyle asserted this after conducting your research; indeed, such religions do not they are a farce. They are absolutely real and authentic; precisely that It is their greatest horror, that they are very real.

A few years ago I was in Mexico and I was struck by seeing a very old church. I entered the premises after shedding my hat and I observed that the floor of the church was made of dirt. I made a pause to carefully observe the statues and the engravings; then, I saw an elderly woman entering the temple. She was wearing I get a small bag with some things I had bought.

He walked and knelt right by a statue of the Virgin Mary. He observed with deep devotion, supplication, and desire the facial features of the inanimate image. I thought: "That is the kind of longing and spiritual desire I would like to see what people spill before the Lord.

There was not the slightest doubt that that woman was manifesting. true worship; the experience was very real for her. With all security was not pretending. He wanted to worship but his worship was spilled over an inert statue that had been crafted by the hands of some human being.

There are many kinds of worship that God will never accept. Worship Cain in the Old Testament was not accepted because he did not recognize the need for atonement for sin, to restore the relationship between our holy God and sinners. Cain wanted to please God in worship but did not offer a blood sacrifice. Instead, "brought from the fruit of the land an offering to the Lord" which probably it was made up of beautiful flowers and a basket of fruit. Upon seeing that God frowned at his offering, the attitude and the response of Cain seems to be summed up with the following phrase: "I don't have the best" idea about that matter of sin and atonement. The rejection of God and the acceptance of 'the firstborn of the sheep' by Abel annoyed so much that Cain decided to kill his brother.

The type of worship that Cain offered to God has three serious flaws. and elemental. At first glance, there is the incorrect idea that God it is not really how it is. This is related to the person and the character of the holy and sovereign God. How can someone worship God? in an acceptable way without knowing what God really is? Cain I really didn't know the true character of God; I didn't believe that the the sin of man was something of eternal importance to God.

Secondly, there is the mistake of thinking that man possesses a relationship with God, when in reality it is not so. Cain assumed that I deserved to be accepted by the Lord without any kind of intermediary. It he refused to accept the judgment of the Lord, according to which man has been separated from God by sin. Thirdly, the record of the Old Testament shows us that Cain, just like others have done countless multitudes of men and women throughout history, he mistakenly assumed that sin is not a really serious matter. If humans will review and consider historical records, they would clearly discover that God hates sin because He is a God saint. The Lord knows that sin has filled the world with pain and bitterness and has robbed us of the purpose and the primal joy of life what it is to worship our God.

The worship offering that Cain presented was inadequate; it lacked a true meaning. By applying that teaching to our world
In fact, I assure you that I would not spend an hour in any church that is refuse to teach the necessity of the shedding of blood for the remission of sin through the cross and the merits of death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is another kind of unacceptable worship that is represented by the attitude of the Samaritans in the Bible. The story of the Old Testament will reveal that Jeroboam, the first king of Israel after the division in the kingdoms of the north and the south, erected two places of worship. He wanted to make sure that his people did not have the habit of to worship only in Jerusalem. He set up golden calves that could be worshipped in convenient places: Bethel and Dan.

The heresy of the Samaritans, the practice of choosing what we like to worship. and rejecting what we do not like is widely spread in the current affairs. In fact, it has generated a whole new field of study for applied psychology and humanism covered with a variety of religious costumes. In this context, men and women they become judges of what the Lord has said. Instead of positioning themselves kneeling and allowing the Lord to evaluate them, they stand up with pride and evaluate the Lord.

I received the report of a youth meeting held in a huge famous church in Toronto. The guest speaker was taken to that city. to give the following advice to modern Christian youth:
Don't believe anything from the Bible that doesn't fit with your own experience.

If you are one of those who choose, you may have chosen the beauty of the nature as the medium through which one is encouraged to worship. Or you it can also be the type of people who think that worship comes from music; in that case, it will talk about music that inspires the it calms and elevates the spirit to a state of ecstasy.

Since we have mentioned the nature and the inclination that some people have their worship begin and end with the

works of creation, I would like to record some ideas in this text. If you truly commit to the study of Scripture, you will discover that the Old Testament is a marvelous rhapsody about creation. Starting with Moses, after reading the instructions from Leviticus, you will find that this wonderful prophet of God feels amazed when developing a sharp awareness of the presence of God in all creation.

In the last part of the book of Job, one is amazed by what sublime of the language used to describe the world around us. Read the Psalms and you will find David literally dancing, beautified, delighting in the wonders of God's creation. Start reading the book of Isaiah and you will encounter noble scenes that are not the fruit of the prophet's emotion, but of the wonderful world of God that Isaiah sees.

These men, who can be counted among the holiest and most pious from the ancient world, they revealed in their writings that they felt fully in love with the natural beauty that surrounded them. But they always saw nature as the work of art of a glorious, all-powerful creator and absolutely wise.

Allow me to make one more observation about our civilization. I consider it a sad and unfortunate fact that in his majority, the people of our time seem like zoo lions born in captivity. They are born in hospitals, walk along platforms of concrete, they breathe contaminated air and finally return to the hospital to die. They never have the chance to feel the earth under their feet.

In the environment in which we operate, beauty is not common. from nature be communicated to our being. We almost never raise our eyes to contemplate the sky that God created, except when a plane crosses the sky or when we want to know what clothes dress because of the weather. It seems absurd, but in the middle of the countless wonders created, we have lost in a way almost imperceptible is our ability to be amazed.

If the Holy Spirit were to descend again as at the beginning of the church and will visit the congregations with the sweet and burning power of Pentecost, we would become greater Christians and beings more saints. Even more, we would be better poets and better artists. inspired; we would love God and His universe with greater intensity.

Men continue to try to convince themselves that there is many correct ways to worship. But in His revelation, God has us taught that He is spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. God removes the topic of hand worship. of men and puts it in the hands of the Holy Spirit. None of we have the capacity to worship God if we are not imparted the Holy Spirit. The operation of the Spirit of God is what equips us. to worship God in an acceptable way through the person of Jesus Christ, who is God Himself. Therefore, worship originates in God comes to us and goes out of us as if reflected by a mirror. God does not accept any other type of worship.

We live in an upside-down world in which many people do not they have no clarity regarding what they believe or what they should to believe. Most of those people excuse themselves by telling us that they are seeking the truth. Some churches also have that slogan and They assert that those who attend their congregation do not have to believe. nothing but simply seeking the truth.

Those who do not focus on the new birth or the guidance of the Spirit. Saints will respond to the natural impulse we have to worship something. If these types of people are not very educated, they might kill a chicken, put the feathers on their heads and dance in a circle. To those people we call them sorcerers. But if they are educated, perhaps they will write poetry and Say something similar to what Edwin Markham said in his writing. I made a pilgrimage to find the gods.

Markham wrote: "I saw his shining hand sending me signals from the sun." In my case, I never had those kinds of signals. We live in a country in that there are Bibles available everywhere and the gospel is preached with fidelity. Nevertheless, men seek God at ancient altars,

in graves and in dark and dirty places. Rightly so, finally
They end up believing that God is sending them signs from the sun.

Generally, there are people who get annoyed with me when I say that
we need to unmask these types of 'truth' seekers.

We need to double our efforts to tell the world that
God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.
truth. It is necessary for the Holy Spirit and the truth to intervene. Not
we can worship only in spirit because the spirit without truth remains
defenseless. We cannot worship only in truth because we fall into
theology without fire. Worship must be in spirit and in truth.

It is necessary that the truth of God and the Spirit of
Lord. When a person surrenders to the Lord, they believe the truth of God and
is filled with the Holy Spirit, even the simplest whisper is an act
of worship.

The tragic and succinct fact is that the effort that many make
idols to worship is unacceptable before God because without an infusion
without the Holy Spirit, there can be no true worship. This is something
Seriously. I find it hard to rest in peace every night knowing
of what millions of religious people simply have traditions
ecclesiastical and religious practices but fail to access God.

We must humbly worship God in spirit and in truth. Each
one of us is facing the truth to be evaluated and it becomes clear
that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God, far from being a
luxury is an option in our lives as Christians, it is a necessity.

Chapter 4

Born to worship God

And to the man he said: Because you have obeyed the voice of your wife, and you ate from the tree that I commanded you, saying: You shall not eat from it; Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it. every day of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat plants from the field. With the sweat of your brow you will eat the for you are dust, and to dust you shall return; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return. And Adam called the name of his wife, Eve, because she was the mother of all living things. And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He dressed them. And the LORD God said: Behold, the man is like one of we, knowing good and evil; now, therefore, do not prolong his hand, and also take from the tree of life, and eat, and live for always. And the Lord took him out of the garden of Eden, to till the land from which it was taken. So he expelled the man, and placed to the east of the garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword that revolved everywhere, to preserve the path of the tree of life.

Génesis 3:17–24

One of the greatest tragedies that can happen, even in the most enlightened times in history, is the failure of millions of people who do not discover the reason why they were born in this world. Deny it if you want (and some people will) but wherever you want there are human beings, there are people suffering because of a kind of depressive and hopeless amnesia that forces them to cry out, whether silently inside or with an audible frustration, "neither
"I don't even know why I was born."

To illustrate this matter, I would like to share a story with you, a story that could have happened anywhere. It's about a man who lost his memory and, therefore, lost his identity. In

I once had to meet with a friend at the town hall of the city. I was sitting waiting on a bench near the corridor of the place. Suddenly, a pleasant and well-dressed young man approached me and she sat next to me. She smiled at me with a smile that seemed to me somewhat confused.

-Do we know each other?- I asked him.

No, I don't believe it, mess-. Then he continued.-Something happened to me. I think I slipped on something. I fell and hit my head at this city's site. I can't remember. nothing was clear. When I woke up, I realized that I had been stolen; they had taken all my documents and my cards. No I have identification and I don't know who I am.

You must have relatives somewhere; don't you have any information about them? them?

I probably have family but I don't remember anything.

I was about to tell this confused man that he would have to go to the police because I did not have the means to help him. Just At that moment, I observed a distinguished gentleman standing on the platform. near the bench where we were sitting. He also looked confused. he was restless but when he directed his gaze towards us, he let out a scream out of joy. He rushed over and called the man who was with me. by his name. He squeezed it and shook his hand.

Where have you been? What have you been doing? All the members The orchestra is extremely worried about you.

The man who had been lost looked bewildered.

Excuse me sir, but I do not know you. Rather, I do not... I recognize.

-What? Don't you know me? We came to Toronto three days ago. Don't you? you know that we are members of the philharmonic and that you are the first Violinist? We have fulfilled our commitments without you and we have I have been looking everywhere.

-So, that's me and that's why I'm here! But I still don't know if I can play the violin.

Incidents similar to this happen all over the world. The police it seeks many victims of amnesia and the doctors face this problem with his patients. But, why am I telling this story? To remind her who the first parents of the human race were: a man named Adam and his wife Eve.

Adam suffered a fall and received a terrible blow; next to him in that disaster was Eva, his wife. When they tried to remove the mist from their minds, looking at each other, they realized that they already They did not know where they were or why they were alive. They did not know the purpose of your existence.

Since that moment, human beings have been separated from God; since they must live in a fallen and sick world, they cry out saying: I have no idea why I was born.

revelation given by our Creator God we firmly believe that God does nothing without a purpose. Therefore, we are convinced that that God had a noble purpose in mind when he created us. Also we are certain that the will of God is that human beings we desire communion with the Lord above all things because we were made in his image and likeness.

According to his plan, it was to be a perfect communion based on a passionate adoration of the one who created and sustains all things. If you knows the catechism of the Presbyterian Orthodox Church, will know that the first question posed since it was written hundreds of years ago What is the primary purpose of man?

The answer is simple yet profound and is based on revelation and the wisdom of the Word of God. "The primary purpose of man is glorify God and enjoy Him forever." This statement no explanation is needed for an intelligent person. To adore and Glorifying God is the primary purpose of every man and woman.

So, why have so many people not understood it? Why
How many ignore love and God's plan throughout their entire life? Why?
how many people curse the unpleasant situations they go through.
they go through in their lives, crying out in the midst of despair: "Oh,
I don't even know why I was born into this world? How is it possible that the
desired will of the creator for all the sons and daughters of Adam may be
have been frustrated in such a strong way?

In these days when sin, violence, and transgression abound
everywhere, we must point out that there is an almost universal denial of
the malicious and sinful nature of the human race as
result of the fall of man; a fact that is faithfully recorded in
the book of Genesis.

Let me assure you that not only through the revelation of God
in His Word we can learn what is necessary to know ourselves
ourselves. The Word of God teaches us frankly the great
damage we suffered, which caused us numbness and amnesia. We
it deals with the sad account of man's fall from his state of
original perfection. When Adam and Eve decided that morning that
they had the right to place their own will above the will
from the Creator, they experienced the terrible fall. The result was the
loss of the identity that God had given them.

They tried to eliminate the confusion from their minds and their hearts, but when
looking at each other, they understood that they no longer knew the purpose of their
existence. They had suddenly been afflicted by a strange
amnesia, arising from the perverse sin of disobedience. They no longer knew
with accuracy where they were located and they also did not have the sense
divine of the reason why they had been created and what they had to
to do.

What a tragedy! Adam and Eve lost the glory of God despite having
they were created to reflect the omnipotent. Since they had been made
in the image of God, Adam and Eve resembled the Lord more than the
heavenly angels. God created men to look at them and see in them
a greater reflection of his glory than that which is in the full heavens

of stars. Unfortunately, the mirror became opaque and diffuse. When God saw the sinful man, he could no longer see his own glory. man had become a disobedient and sinful being; he had failed to fulfill the purpose for which it was created: To worship to its creator in the beauty of holiness.

Men of our time feel tired, guilty and lost, therefore, they are too busy solving the tragedies of their families and their societies as to look back at the past and recognize the terrible and overwhelming tragedy that occurred in the fall of man. It is a complex tragedy because God had asserted with joy: "Let us make man in our image" (Genesis 1:26). Then, God bent down, took a bit of clay, shaped it, and made the man. Then, he breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and he became in a living being.

Later, the Creator asked man to observe the rest of "All of this is yours, and I am yours," God said to him. "I will look at you." And I will see in your face the reflection of my own glory. That is your purpose; you were created to worship me, glorify me, and have me as your God "forever." But once God stepped back for a moment, the evil one, the dragon named Satan, poisoned the minds of man and his beloved woman. Then, they sinned against God.

When God returned, he came back as if he knew nothing about the tragedy. what had happened. He called out: "Adam, where are you?" Adam came out of his hiding with full awareness of his guilt and shame. God said to him: "Adam, what did you do?" The man confessed: "We ate from the fruit of the tree that you prohibited us from eating, but it was the woman you gave me who he seduced me." God said to the woman, "What have you done?" and she said to him. He answered: "It was the serpent that deceived me."

In that brief span, our first parents learned the art of to blame another person. That is one of the great pieces of evidence of sin: betrayal, and we learned it directly from our first parents. We do not accept the blame for our sin and iniquity; we blame to others.

If you are not the man you should be, you probably blame it on someone else. to his wife or to his ancestors or perhaps to his workplace. If you do not he is the young man he should be, he probably blames his parents. If he is not the woman or the wife she should be, perhaps blames her husband or her children. Since sin is so horrible, we prefer to blame others. We blame and blame again; that's why we are where we are.

That's why illness catches us and takes us to the grave. that is why accidents happen. That is why there are prisons, mental hospitals and cemeteries. Yes, it's all because of the great tragedy and the disaster that we call the fall of man. Is this not Is tragic reality the only thing that exists? Is there nothing beyond?

No, no. This is the answer we give to each of the people. what makes up the human race: we have wonderful news for You. It is the news that the God who created us did not grow weary of us. He did not tell the angels: "Scrape them off the universe and remove them from me" memory." On the contrary, he said: "I still long for them. I still want that they be a mirror in which I can look and see my glory. I still want to be admired by my people. I still want them to enjoy me and I be their God forever.

That is why God sent his only Son through the miracle of the incarnation. When Jesus was on earth, he reflected the glory of Father. The New Testament says that He is the brightness of glory. of God and the shine of his person. When God saw the son of Mary, he saw himself reflected. What did Jesus mean when he said: "He who He who has seen me has seen the Father?

What I was really saying is: "When you see me, you are seeing " the glory of the father reflected. I have come to complete the work that has been given to me. "commissioned". God was glorified in His Son, although at the moment of the death of Jesus, the glory was terribly marred. The fishermen pulled his beard, hit his face and tore off his hair. They caused immense bruises on the forehead; they nailed him to the cross, where he groaned, sweated, and suffered for six hours before giving up his spirit and die.

The bells of the heavens rang because the men who were the lost had been redeemed. The path of forgiveness was open for sinners. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead and since then he has been at the right hand of the Lord. God has taken care of since then to redeem a people for Himself and lead them to His purpose originals of being reflections of his glory.

Certainly, the worship of the loving God is the main purpose. for which man exists. For that we are born on earth and for that reason we are born again spiritually. That is why we were created and it is also the reason why God recreates us. For this reason there was a genesis at the beginning and for that reason there is a re-genesis called regeneration. That is also why there is a church. The Christian church. It exists to worship God above all else. All other things They must be in second, third, fourth, or fifth place.

Many generations ago in Europe, the beloved saint of God, the Brother Lawrence was on his deathbed. He was losing his strength. quickly; he observed those who gathered beside him. "I am not dying. I'm just doing the same thing I've been doing for the last forty years and what I hope to do for all of the eternity.

"What do you mean? What are you doing?" they asked him. And He replied immediately: 'I am worshiping the God I love.'

Worshiping God was a primary concern for Brother Lawrence. She was also dying, but that was secondary. Eventually, she died and they buried his body somewhere but his soul was alive because it had been created in the image of God. That is why it is still worshiping with all the saints around the throne of God.

It is really sad, very sad, to hear the lamentations of many people today who have never discovered the reason why they were born. This brings to my mind the description that the poet John Milton reflects on the pathetic solitude and perdition of our first ones.

parents. He says that after they were thrown out of the garden, "they took hand in hand and walked alone through the valley.

Chapter 5

We must worship only the Eternal God

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God
Does he live in you? If anyone destroys the temple of God, God
he will destroy him; for the temple of God, which you are,
holy is. Let no one deceive himself; if anyone among you
create wise in this century, become ignorant, so that you may be
wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with
God; for it is written: He catches the wise in their own craftiness.
He knows the thoughts of the wise again,
what are vain. So, let no one glory in men; because
everything is yours: whether Paul, whether Apollos, whether Cephas, whether the world,
be it life, be it death, be it the present, be it the future, everything
you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Corintios 3:16–23

Technology is fundamental in this generation. A large part of our
The way of thinking regarding worship reflects a desire for
to exchange a high concept of God's eternity for a criterion to
short term called here and now. My ministry of teaching of the
The word of God has not been marked by controversy with the
true science. I have expressed my suspicions about a variety
of perspectives whose origin is clearly based on the foundations of the
pseudoscience that generally seeks to eliminate God from the universe.
I could never worship a God that is not related to the
eternity.

On the other hand, the answers that science provides us are answers
in the short term. Scientists may be able to keep us alive for
a few more years but Christians know things that Einstein
I didn't know. For example, we know why we are on Earth. We can
to say why we were born and we also know the value of things
eternal.

I confess that I used to read theories about things like the fourth dimension. but a few years ago I stopped trying to understand them. I have nothing in against science and its intention to seek the meaning of things, its relationships and interactions. I do not intend to refute with ignorance towards scientists. My position is the following: let the The scientist will work in his field and I will work in mine. I feel so grateful like anyone else for the benefits of the research and I hope that scientists will soon discover the cure for heart diseases, as I have lost many good friends due to sudden heart attacks.

But I would like you to listen to what I have to say about the difference. essential that exists between short-term matters related to our physical being and the eternal relationship that exists between the believer and his God. If you manage to cure a person of diphtheria when they are a baby or of yellow fever in his adolescence or of a heart attack when turns fifty years old, how much have they achieved? If that person lives and reaches ninety years and is still without God and does not know why what reason was born, has simply perpetuated the life of a "turtle" of the mud." The man who has never encountered God and has not born again is like a turtle with two legs instead of four and it has no shell or tail because it simply still doesn't know about What is life about.

I feel grateful to have found a promise from the God of all grace that is related to the eternal and long-term matters deadline. I belong to an army of simple men who believe in the truth revealed in the Bible.

We are the people who believe that God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. We believe that God made man to his image and breathed into him the breath of life and said to him: 'Now live in me' presence and adore me because that is your main purpose. Grow and multiply, and fill the earth with other worshipers.

It's true, these simple people, these believers will tell you that God created flowers to be beautiful and birds to sing in a way

that human beings could enjoy them. The scientist, with a completely different perspective, I would never admit that fact. The scientist maintains that birds sing for a completely different reason.

It is the male that sings and he does so only to attract the female. in order to unite and reproduce,” asserts the scientist. “It is simply biological.” It is at this point that I ask the scientist: “Why the Does a bird simply not scream or quack? Why does it have to sing? harmonically as if it were synchronized with a harp?

I think the answer is simple: just because God created it to sing. If I were a male bird and wanted to attract a female, I could to do acrobatics or contortions or to perform all sorts of tricks. But Why does the bird sing so beautifully? It is because the God who he is the best musician in the universe. He is the composer of the cosmos; he created the harp that is in those small throats, he covered them with feathers And he said to them: "Go and sing". Grateful, the birds obeyed and have they have been singing and praising God since they were created.

The scientist could protest and say: 'No, no.' But my heart tells me It indicates that it is so and the Bible declares the same. "He made all things "beautiful in their time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). I insist, God made the trees so that they would bear fruit for the human race. However, the the scientist shrugs and says: "Of course the trees they produce fruit so that there are new seeds and in this way they they reproduce more fruits. We have the right to replicate: 'Why is it as necessary as the tree bearing fruit if reproduction is the only thing that Doesn't it matter, disregarding the blessing and help it provides? He made the fruit and said to the man: 'Enjoy it.'

God also made the beasts of the field for man to use them. skins for dressing. He also made the sheep with their wool to be shorn in such a way that the man could make bags and coats that they will heat it. God made the small and humble silk worm and gave it provided mulberry leaves as food so that he could get out of his shell. Men have discovered how to unravel the cocoons to produce the charming silk that we admire so much. Certainly

I am not part of the ten best-dressed men in the world but I
I prefer a beautiful silk tie to any of the synthetic ones.
that are elaborated in the tanks of a factory.

I find it much more charming and satisfying to believe what
God speaks about all the things He has granted us so that we
let's enjoy, that is to say, that everything has a purpose. In fact, the person
The wisest in the world is the one who knows God the most. The only
a person worthy of being called intelligent is one who understands that the
Response to creation, to life, and to eternity is a response.
theological and not a scientific answer. It is necessary to start with God;
After that, one begins to understand everything in its context.
Correct. Everything falls into place when you start with God.

I wonder if you will understand me correctly about what I am going to
Say next. A good number of Christians have acquired evil.
habit of being negatively influenced by those people who
we consider "enlightened" because they hold titles and honors. This
undue deference to intellectual knowledge and achievements
needs to be balanced. As Christians, we respect study and the
research. We value the long hours dedicated to progress
academic but we must always keep in mind the wisdom and the
instructions from God.

No matter how much education we obtain in a certain field of study,
we will always have learned only small portions of the truth. By
on the other hand, the simplest Christian, who may have only been carrying for a few days
in the kingdom of God, he has already learned many wonderful things that
they form the core of truth. That believer can confess that
to know God and to know God is potentially something greater than
what all the teachers in this world could ever impart, because
those teachers, if they are not with God, are trying to discover the
truth from the outside.

In all of this, there is a miracle; that new believer, who just a few days ago
before his conversion he was a lost and condemned sinner, he becomes
by faith, through grace, a child of God who is within the

truth and observe the world from that perspective. We do not pretend minimize the many achievements made by enlightened people and educated from this world that belong to the pavilion of knowledge. But studying and striving only for the things of this world is not enough because the key is always God. It is up to Him to be the center of all our activities. Ultimately all the doors are They must open through faith with a key called God.

If we want to have a satisfactory and lasting understanding of life, we must receive it from above. It begins with the confession that certainly God, who has been revealed to us through His Word, is the great pillar what sustains the universe. Once we believe that, we move on to recognize that we have discovered his great eternal purpose. God made man and the woman in His own image and then through His plan of salvation he has redeemed and restored us so that we may love and worship him for all eternity.

God said: "I created man in my image and he must be above all the other creatures. He must rule over the beasts of the earth, the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea. The redeemed man must even be by above the angels of heaven. Must enter my presence forgiven and confident. He must adore me and gaze upon my face for all the centuries.

God is the only certain foundation. The joy that security produces. it belongs to the believers. I started sharing with them when I converted at the age of seventeen. Until that moment, I didn't know. nothing about love, hope, trust, or faith in God. There is millions of people today who are as lost as they I was there because they still do not know God and are confused with Regarding existence; they lack the knowledge of the afterlife.

The Christians I am talking about are the saints, the spiritual, the children of God. They have a more beautiful perspective of the world that of the scientists because they say: 'We know what we believe; we know that we are in this world to worship and enjoy God and we also know what God is willing to do throughout

eternity for those who love it.” Therefore, this kind of people knows important things that are of an eternal nature and remain hidden to the men and women who seek the answers of life and the present world in science.

The average person, without faith or hope or God, is immersed in a personal and desperate search throughout his entire existence. No one has clarity about where they are, what they are doing in this world and much less where it is headed. The sad thing about it is that life who lives lives with borrowed time and money and strengths that they don't belong to him either; he knows for sure that someday eventually he will die. It all comes down to the baffling expression that many of us should admit: 'We lost God somewhere along the way.'

What happens when people lose God? I think it is quite evident that they spend a lot of time trying to find something more than they may worship. The human being, who was made more in the image of God, than any other created creature has become a being less similar to God than the other creatures. It's as if it had become withdrawn in a grumpy manner to live in his world and instead of reflecting the glory of God, for which it was created, prefers to reflect its own sinfulness.

It is certainly a tragedy above any other tragedy that happens in this world that man, created with a designed soul to worship, sing and praise the glory of God, isolate oneself with stinginess and anger in his selfish world. Love has disappeared from his heart and the light of his mind. Since he has lost God, he stumbles blindly in his journey through his dark world to finally find himself only with a grave.

In a radio interview, a question was asked to a brilliant and famous Canadian author; the insightful question was about the world we live in today. "What do you consider to be the most concerning mistake that we are committing in our civilization and in our society today?" Her answer was short and to the point. "I believe that our grossest error is the naive belief that humans

we are the special creatures of the Almighty God, to believe that we are more important than other things in the world and that God has a love especially for us.

Please, friend! Man, as he was originally created, is the beloved of God. In fact, man is the beloved of the entire universe. Since I found out that Jesus came into the world to be my savior, I have led my life by the guidance of God revealed in the Scripture. Without no matter how brilliant a man's mind is, it cannot destabilize with respect to the things of God. It throws me its earthly conclusions and their objections without causing any effect.

In fact, the differences between disbelief and faith, hopelessness and certainty, the human point of view and the perspective of God, they usually become apparent when the believer faces the death. We know that when John Wesley was leaving this world, tried to sing, but his voice was practically dead. He had about ninety years; they had traveled hundreds of thousands of miles to horse, preaching three and even four times a day, to establish a great church. It was totally Arminian in its theology but when its relatives and friends gathered around her bedside, trying with her few forces to sing the words of an old Calvinist hymn:

I will praise my Creator while I live,

And when my soul faces death

I will use the best I have within me to worship

That's why I don't get carried away by emotion when discussing the theological stance that each of these schools teaches. If Isaac Watts, who was a Calvinist Cristiano could write that praise to God and John Wesley, as an Arminian Christian, he could sing it with all his heart; yes both can meet and embrace in glory, why should I let go Why should I be forced to confess which school I belong to? Should I allow them to bother me with that issue?

I was created to praise and worship God. I was redeemed to be able to to adore it and enjoy it. That is the main theme, beloved brother and

sister in Christ. It is for that reason that we wholeheartedly invite men to be converted, receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior.

God does not ask you to come to Christ to obtain peace of mind or to be a better man or woman in business. You were created to worship and God wants you to know the redemption that He offers so that born in his heart the desire to worship and praise Him alone.

Chapter 6

Amazed by the presence of God

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and sublime throne, and his skirts filled the temple. Above There were seraphim above him; each one had six wings; with two they covered Their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one the other called out, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of the armies; all the earth is full of his glory. And the thresholds of the doors trembled at the voice of the one who cried out, and the house it got filled with smoke. Then I said: Woe is me! for I am dead; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of of a people with unclean lips, my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts. And one of the seraphim flew to me, holding a lit coal in his hand, taken from the altar with some tongs; and touching it to my mouth, he said: Behold that this touched your lips, and your guilt is taken away, and your sin is cleansed. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Whom shall I send, and who will you go for us? Then I answered: Here I am, send me to me.

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Over the years I have often heard people say educated and intelligent: "Let me tell you how I discovered God." No I don't know if these discoverers managed to move from their finding to worshiping God. with humility; but what I do know is that all human beings we would be in terrible trouble and completely distant from God if He it would not have been revealed to us by his grace and love.

It bothers and hurts me a little that so many people have a hope of being able to reach God, to understand Him, to have communion with Him, through their intellectual capabilities. When will they understand that if they could "discover" God through the intellect, they would be equal to

God? It would be good for us to make a discovery of God similar to the described by the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne. high and sublime, and his skirts filled the temple. (6:1)

Now, the one that Isaiah saw was totally different and absolutely distant from anything else that had never been before sighted. Until that moment in his life, Isaiah had known the good things that God had created, but had never been in the presence of the one who was not created.

For Isaiah, the violent contrast that exists between the one who is God and that which is not was so terrifying that its own language suffered for the effort the prophet made to express his revelation. It turns out It is important to note that it was God who decided to reveal Himself to man. Isaiah I could have tried to know God through my intellect during a million years, without even having a single opportunity to fulfill its purpose. All the accumulated knowledge of the entire world is insufficient to come to know God.

Nevertheless, the living God can reveal Himself to the spirit of a man arranged in just one second. Only when an experience occurs it is possible that an Isaiah or any other man or woman would say with humility and certainty: "I know him."

Unlike men, God never acts without purpose. When He revealed himself to Isaiah, doing so with eternal purposes. The prophet tried to to give us a true account but what really happened is more magnificent than what Isaiah wrote in the same way that God is more great than the human mind. Isaiah confessed that he had never seen the Lord seated on His throne. Many modern critics who have studying the record left by Isaiah warns us of the danger of the anthropomorphism: the attempt to ascribe certain attributes to God humans.

For my part, I have never been afraid of big words. Let the others can think what they want but I believe that God is sitting on a

throne, invested with his own sovereignty. I also believe that God is sitting on a throne and determines all events so that finally happen according to the purpose that he determined in Christ Jesus before the beginning of the world.

Now then, since we are discussing the topic of worship, let us consider the joy and delights of the heavenly creatures, the seraphim, who are around the throne of God. The following is the narration made by Isaías:

Above him were seraphim; each had six wings; with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And the one another called out, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of the armies; all the earth is full of his glory. (6:2–3)

We know very little about these creatures, but I am impressed by the attitude of supreme worship that these angels manifest. They are near the throne of God and reveal a fervent love for the triune God. They are absorbed in their antiphonal songs: "Holy, Holy, Holy". Many times I have wondered why the rabbis, the saints, and the worshippers of times gone by did not come to the knowledge of the trinity observing only the worship of the seraphim: "Holy, Holy, Holy. I am a Trinitarian; I believe in one God, the Almighty Father, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Father, begotten before all ages. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who junto with the Father and the Son receives worship And glory. The scene of the seraphim adoring God is moving. The more I read my Bible, the more I believe in the triune God.

In Isaiah's vision, the seraphim sang their praise to the Trinity. eight hundred years before Maria cried with joy and her Baby left to hear his cry in the manger of Bethlehem, when the second person of the Trinity, the Eternal Son, came to dwell among us on earth. The key words from then and the essence of our current worship It must be confessed: 'Holy, Holy, Holy.'

I see that many Christians do not really feel comfortable with the such attributes of God. In such cases, I feel compelled to ask about the quality of the worship he tries to offer to the Lord. The word 'Holy' is more than just a simple adjective that describes the fact that God is a holy God; it is a glory ascription to the triune God by some ecstatic beings. I am not sure that it really let's understand what it means but it seems to me that we should try produce a definition.

The fullness of moral purity belongs only to God; it cannot to be another way. We must overlook everything that seems to be good in men and women because we are human and none of we are morally pure. Abraham, David, Elijah, Moses, Peter and Pablo were all good men who enjoyed a full communion with God, but they all had flaws and weaknesses humans because they were members of the race of Adam. Each one of these men had to experience a humble repentance. For for God knows our hearts and our intentions, he can restore the sincere children who are part of the faith. A large part of our problem in establishing and maintaining communion with a God it is holy that many Christians repent only of what they do and not of what they are. We should learn to care about the quality of our worship when considering that Isaiah's reaction was one feeling of absolute profanity when in the presence of purity moral of God. Consider the fact that Isaiah was a commendable young man, cult, religious, and cousin of the king. He would have been a good deacon in any church. Currently, he would be asked to serve in one of our mission boards.

But the experience he went through left him perplexed. He was amazed and all. his world suddenly dissolved into a vast and eternal glow. He remained trapped by the glow that enveloped him and saw himself as he was: red and black, the colors of sin. What happened? Isaiah, who was only a human being, had a glimpse of the one whose character and nature are determined by perfection. He could only manage to say: 'My eyes have seen by the King.

The definition of the word saint undoubtedly must leave room for the 'mystery', especially if, in our attempt at worship, we want to have a correct perspective of our God. There are leaders in various Christian circles that know so much about the things of God they offer to answer any questions one may have.

We can try to address concerns in the best possible way, but there is always a sense of divine mystery that pervades the entire realm of God and that it is far superior to the mystery that scientists describe as I traverse the entire kingdom of nature.

There are those who claim to know everything about God; they pretend to be able to explain anything about Him, His creation, His thoughts and His judgments. They are part of rational Christians and end up eliminating the mystery of life and worship. By doing so, they also remove from God of the scene.

The know-it-all attitude that we see in some teachers of the word currently puts them in a very difficult position. They see themselves forced to strongly criticize and condemn any other man which takes on a position somewhat different from theirs. Our intelligence and our knowledge can reach to eliminate that divine wonder that must exist in our spirit, that silent and wonderful admiration that leads us to confess: "Oh, Lord God, you know everything."

In Isaiah six, we find a clear scene of what happens to a person in the mystery of the presence of God. Isaiah, overwhelmed for his personal failures, he can only humbly confess: "I am man of unclean lips. I would like to note that Isaiah recognized that was different from the person in front of whom he was; that experience gave him taught something of the mystery of the person of God. In that presence, Isaiah there is no room for jokes or for intelligent cynicism or for familiarity. On the contrary, he discovered something strange in God. It is to say, an unknown presence for a sinful, worldly man and self-sufficient.

A person who has felt what Isaiah experienced will never be able to joking with expressions like 'chuchito' or 'someone up there who loves me.'” It was recorded that one of the Hollywood actresses who he used to keep attending nightclubs after his alleged conversion to Christ said to someone: 'You should know God. Do you know' one thing? God is an adorable doll.’” In another part I read that a The man said: 'God is a good buddy.'

I confess that when I hear or read those things, I feel a great pain in my inner self. My beloved brother or sister, there is something of God that you it makes a difference, something that is beyond us, above we, something transcendent. We must have a humble disposition of pour out our hearts and cry out: 'God, give light my' understanding or otherwise I will never be able to know you.

The mystery, the strangeness is in God. Our Lord does not expect us to we behave like zombies when we become Christians but yes wait for our soul to be open to the mystery that is in God. I believe What is appropriate to say is that a Christian should be a walking mystery. because it is certainly a walking mystery. By the guidance and the power of Holy Spirit, the Christian is immersed in a habit and in a life a daily experience that cannot be explained. A Christian should have in their life an element that is beyond psychology, beyond the laws natural and in accordance with spiritual laws.

God is a consuming fire. We read that it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Do you remember the first chapter of Ezekiel? The the prophet saw the heavens opened. He had a vision of God and then I witnessed creatures with four faces that shone like bronze. I believe that Christians should have ministries and testimonies. that characterize us as men who shine like bronze. Given that our God is holy, He is completely hostile towards sin. God it can only be a consuming fire against sin for all eternity. In another passage, Isaiah asked: 'Who among us shall dwell with the' Consuming fire? Who among us will dwell with the flames eternal?

Isaiah was not thinking about those who would be separated from God, but in which they would be with God and dwell with Him. He answers his own Question: "He who walks in righteousness and speaks uprightly; ... he shall dwell in the heights" (33:15–16).

The slogan of the Salvation Army has always been "blood and fire." I am in favor of that in God's matters. We know that the blood of Christ cleanses us. The references that exist in Scripture regarding the God's procedures are usually associated with a holy flame. John the Baptist pointed to the coming of Christ and said: "I truly tell you..." baptism in water for repentance;... he will baptize you in Spirit Holy and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The exclamation of Isaiah was a cry of pain. It was the anguished and revealing cry of someone who is aware of their impurity. The prophet he experienced the imperfection of the creature compared to holiness from the Creator. What should happen in a genuine conversion? What should a person feel when experiencing the new birth? There should be a genuine exclamation of pain. That's why I don't like the evangelism that invites people to establish communion with God simply signing an acceptance card.

There should be an inner birth as a result of a light celestial. There should be an experience of pain that arises from the fact of seeing ourselves before the image of a holy, holy, holy God. Unless let's reach that conviction and that pain, I'm not sure that may our repentance be true and profound.

Currently, the point is not whether we have the purity of Isaiah; if we have the awareness that he had about his sinful state. He was impure and, thank God, was aware of that. The current world is also impure but does not seem to be aware of its state.

Impurity combined with unconsciousness produces terrible consequences. That is what is wrong in the Christian church and in everything Protestantism. Our problem is the evil that is found in the circle of the just, of those who are called saints, those who

they pretend to be great men of God. We like the vision and the awareness that the prophet Isaiah had but we do not like coal burning that they placed on his lips. The purification is by blood and by fire. Isaiah's lips represented his entire nature and They were purified by fire. Then, God was able to say to him: "It is removed your guilt, and I cleanse your sin" (6:7).

Isaiah came to have a sense of moral restoration through pain. and the amazement and moments after regaining that innocence, I was ready to worship and willing to serve according to God's will. If each one of us wants to have the certainty of forgiveness and wishes that his moral innocence must be restored, the fire of God's grace must touch us. Only through the deep love of God can man to find forgiveness and be restored and taken to serve.

It is fair to ask ourselves if there is another way in which God's creatures we can reach the state of being willing to serve you. In response to that question, I want to remind you of the deep needs of our modern days in which men try to adapt to God to the idea that they have of the divine. Many believe that it is possible to come to control a sovereign God and reduce Him to a plane in which They can use it as they see fit.

Even in our Christian circles, we tend to depend on techniques and methods in the work that Christ has given us. Without a complete dependency on the Holy Spirit, we are prone to failure. If we have mistakenly come to think that we can do the work of Christ for ourselves, we will never see the fulfillment of the task. that the Lord has entrusted us. The man that God will use is the one that has been broken by the vision of the holiness of the Lord; it is a man who has seen the King in his beauty and splendor.

We should never take anything for granted regarding our State. Do you know which person worries me the most? Do you know who it is? Is there more gold in my pastoral work?

For myself. I don't say that to pretend to be humble, but because
All my life I have preached to people who are better than me.

Once again I tell you that God has saved us to be worshipers.
I pray to God that He shows us a vision of our state and that He
we totally break down because when we are in that state we can
to come to worship God and to be His witnesses.

Chapter 7

Genuine worship involves feelings

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, came to the high priest, and asked him for letters for the synagogues of Damascus, in order to find some men O women of this Way, he brought them captive to Jerusalem. But while traveling on the road, it happened that as they approached Damascus, suddenly he was surrounded by a glow of light from the sky; and falling on the ground, he heard a voice saying to him: Saul, Saul, why do you pursue? He said: Who are you, Lord? And he said: I am Jesus, to whom you are chasing; it is hard for you to kick against the pricks. He, trembling and fearful, said: Lord, what do you want me to do? And the Lord said to him: Arise and enter the city, and it will be told to you what you must do. what you must do. And the men who were with Saul stood still astonished, hearing the truth the voice, yet seeing no one. Then Saul rose from the ground, and when he opened his eyes, he saw no one; so, taking him by the hand, they led him into Damascus, where He was three days without seeing, and he did not eat or drink.

Acts 9:1–9

How much time do you think will pass, if the Lord Jesus has not yet returned, between today and the day when some of the new and wonderful churches like those in the Baliem Valley of Irian Jaya, Indonesia, Send missionaries to preach the gospel in Canada and the United States? If that idea makes him uncomfortable, he urgently needs to read this chapter.

I have a reason to suggest this as a possibility at some point. moment in the future. In Chicago, I was introduced to a brother. Cristiano deeply committed to the Lord who was coming from his country, India, with a moving and grateful testimony of grace of God in his life. I asked him about the church he was coming from. It was not Pentecostal. It was neither Anglican nor Baptist; much less

Presbyterian or Methodist. I didn't even know what the term meant. interdenominational. He was simply a brother in Christ.

The man had been born into the Hindu religion but converted and became to be a disciple of Jesus Christ by reading and studying seriously the New Testament and the events related to death and resurrection of our Lord. He spoke English well enough well as to express their concern for the world and for the churches. I asked him to preach from the pulpit of the church I pastor.

Through that meeting, I understood that unless we awaken spiritually, unless we are led once again to a love, a genuine worship and praise, God can take away the candelabrum. It is likely that we will need missionaries who come to our land and show us what Christianity is genuine and lively.

We should never forget that God created us to be worshipers. joyful but sin led us to everything but worship. Then by the love and mercy of God manifested in Christ Jesus, we were restored to communion with God through the miracle of new birth. "You have been forgiven and restored," it reminds us God, 'I am your Creator, Redeemer, and Lord and I delight in your praise.' Dear friend, I don't know how that makes you feel, but in my case, I feel What should I respond to God with all my heart? I'm glad that God consider me a worshiper.

I have used the word 'feel' and I know that you might have a reaction. snapshot against her. In fact, there are people who have told me in a dogmatic way that they will never allow "feelings" to make part of their life and spiritual experience. I usually respond to them: "I'm sorry for you." I say this because I have a very clear definition real of what I believe is true worship: worship is feeling in the heart.

In the Christian faith, we should be able to use the word 'feel.' calmly and without having to apologize. There is nothing worse than that.

one can say about the Christian church that the fact that we are people without feelings. Worship must always arise from an attitude internal and possesses countless characteristics including the mental, spiritual and emotional. It is likely that at times you do not worship with the same level of passion, love, and wonder with which he does it in other occasions but the attitude and state of mind are consistent when one worships the Lord.

When a father and husband is upset, the intensity of love and the concern for his family seems to be minimal; the same happens when are tired after long hours of work or when certain events they make you feel depressed. Externally, they may not show much love towards his family but the truth is that love is present because he Love is not just a feeling. It is an attitude and a state of mind. It is a continuous act that is subject to different levels of intensity and perfection.

I entered the kingdom of God with joy, knowing that I had been forgiven. I know the emotions that arise when one converts to Christ. Nevertheless, I remember very well that at the beginning of my Christian life there were people who warned me about the dangers of the "feelings". They cited the biblical example of Isaac when feeling the Jacob's arms and to think that they were Esau's. Therefore, the man who he was guided by feelings was mistaken.

That sounds interesting, but it's not something you can to base a Christian doctrine. Think about the narrative that appears in the gospel of the woman who suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years and that he had suffered many things and visited many doctors. Marcos tells us that when she heard about Jesus, she came in the middle. from the crowd and simply touched the cloak of the Lord. "And immediately the source of blood dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that scourge" (Mark 5:29). Then, knowing what the Savior had made in his body, "came and fell before Him, and told Him everything truth" (5:33). His testimony was manifested in worship and praise; she felt in her body that she had been healed.

Those of us who have been blessed in our inner being with all security we do not rely solely on emotions; on the other hand, If our hearts feel nothing, it means we are dead.

If tomorrow you wake up and feel absolutely nothing in your arm right (that is to say if you notice that your arm is completely numb), he will use his right hand to get dressed and will quickly go to the doctor because that can only indicate that they have a serious health problem.

True worship, among other things, is a feeling in our heart with respect to our Lord God, and we must be willing to express that feeling in the most appropriate way. We can express our worship to God in many ways. But if we love the Lord and we are guided by His Holy Spirit, our worship will always go accompanied by a delightful attitude of admiration, amazement, and sincerity humility on our part.

The man or woman whose heart is proud and haughty cannot to worship God in an acceptable way because they are as proud as the devil himself. There must be humility in the heart of the person who He intends to worship God in spirit and in truth.

The modern way of thinking that characterizes today's man with Regarding worship, it makes me feel very uncomfortable. It's worth it. mention that true worship will never be the result of the manipulation plus engineering. Is it not glimpsed in the future? a moment when churches call their pastors the 'engineers' "spirituals"? I've heard there are psychiatrists they call "engineers". "humans" because, obviously, their work is related to our head. We have reduced so many things to the terms of the engineering, the scientific or the psychological that the advent of the "spiritual engineers" is a very real possibility. But this never will replace what I have been calling in this book as the wonderful amazement that characterizes the registered worshipers in the Bible.

We found many examples of that amazement and wonder. spiritual in the book of Acts. These elements are always present.

present when the Holy Spirit guides the believers. On the other hand, It is also true that when the Holy Spirit is not present, the wonder and amazement disappear. Engineers can perform many invaluable things in their fields of action but there are none no human capacity or ability can perform miracles and mysteries of God among men. If there is no astonishment, if there is no a sacred experience, all our efforts to achieve worship will be useless. There is no worship without the Spirit.

If it were possible to understand and discern God through anyone from our human means, then we could not adore him because there is an undeniable truth, we will never bend our knees and we will say: "Holy, Holy, Holy" to someone or something that we were able to decipher and understand with our mind. That which I manage to explain never me it will lead to the point of astonishment; it will never be able to fill me with admiration, devotion or fascination.

Philosophers used to refer to the mystery of the person of God as the "mystery conundrum." But we who are children of God through from faith we call him 'Our Father who art in heaven'. In the church activities where there is life, blessing, and wonder in the adoration, there is also a sense of divine mystery. Paul it expressed in supreme form for us by saying: "Christ in you," the hope of glory.

So, what happens in a Christian church when the vital work and Does the freshness of the Spirit of God produce a revival? According to my study and observations, a revival generally produces a reestablishment of the spirit of worship, which is not the result of the engineering or manipulation. It is something that God grants them. people who hunger and thirst for Him. Along with the renewed spirit a blessed spirit of loving worship arises.

Believers worship with all willingness because they possess a sublime perspective of God. In some groups, God has been reduced, summarized, modified, edited, transformed, and interpreted to such an extent that is no longer the God that Isaiah saw, high and lofty. Since he has been

reduced in the minds of so many people, we no longer have the unfaltering trust that we once had in the character of the Lord. But He remains the God before whom we can go without doubts or fears. We know that he will not deceive us or disappoint us. He will not change his the pact and its way of thinking. We must be convinced. We must to have conviction in order to present ourselves before your presence with absolute trust. Our heart must believe that: "let God be true, and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

The God of all the earth cannot be wrong and does not need to be transformed; on the contrary, the inadequate concept that man It has from God, yes it needs transformation. Fortunately, since God made us in His image, He granted us the ability to appreciate and admire their attributes. On one occasion, I heard Dr. George D. Watson, one of the great biblical masters of this generation, to point out that men can have two types of love for God: the love of gratitude or excellent love. It urged us to move from gratitude to a love for God simply because He is God and for His excellence of his character.

Unfortunately, the children of God almost never cross the boundaries of gratitude. I rarely hear someone say in the middle of their prayers who worships God and praises Him for the excellence of His character. Many we are Christian 'Santa Clauses'. We believe that God is a person who decorates the Christmas tree and fills it with gifts. That kind of love is very immature.

We must move forward and know the blessing of worship in the presence of God without being attacked by thoughts of wanting to end Soon. We need to delight in the presence of excellence. infinite and indescribable. That kind of worship has the ingredients of the fascination and the thrill of moral excellence. It is evident that some of the men and women who appear in the Bible knew this type of fascination in their communion with God. If we are to love and serving Jesus, the Son, it is necessary to allow the Holy Spirit

illuminate our lives so that it takes us and leads us into the presence of God.

What is needed for a man's heart to say the following?

Oh Jesus, Jesus, my beloved Lord,

Forgive me if I pronounce, out of love,

Your sacred name

A thousand times a day.

Burn, burn, oh love, inside my heart,

Burns with fervor night and day,

Until all the dross of earthly loves,

"Let me burn completely and disappear."

Those words sprang from the worshipful heart that Frederick W. had. Faber. This man was completely fascinated by the things he had experienced in the presence and communion of their loving God and Salvador. His heart possessed an intense moral emotion. Frederick I felt overwhelmed by the astonishment of the inconceivable magnitude and the moral splendor of the being we call our God.

That fascination towards God necessarily has an element of worship. In this context, you might want to ask me for a definition of worship. I will answer this question by saying that when we adore God, all the beautiful ingredients of worship they reach a white point of incandescent heat produced by the fire of the Holy Spirit. To worship God means that we love Him with all our inner being; we love it with fear, wonder, desire and fascination. The admonition given by Jesus in Matthew 22:37, which tells us to love the Lord your God with all your heart... and with all your "mind", can only mean one thing; it means that we worship it.

I use the term 'worship' very sparingly because it is a word beautiful. I love children and people but I can't say that I adore because I reserve worship for the only one who deserves it. I don't...

I can kneel before any other being or in any other presence with a reverent fear, with the wonder and longing that I they make me feel such a deep sense of belonging that I can exclaim: 'mine,' mine

They may change the words of the anthems, but every time a a man or a woman of God fully dedicate themselves to worship, they will exclaim: “God, my God are You; I will seek You in the morning” (Psalm 63:1). Worship becomes a completely personal love between God and the worshiper. That is what happened with David, Isaiah, and Paul. And it's the same that happens with all those whose desire is to possess God. This is the wonderful truth: God is my God.

Brother or sister in Christ, you can only say we, with true meaning, after having said God and I. It is impossible that you know what it is to love the people of this planet if you have not found with God in the solitude of his soul; that is, when only you and God—as if there were no one else in the world.

Those who have written about the devoted Canadian woman named Santa Anne, they have said that: "She talks to God as if there were no no one else, except the Lord, and as if He had no other children, except for her." In reality, it's not that she is a selfish woman, but that has managed to find the pleasure and meaning that characterize the experience of those who pour out their personal devotion and worship at the feet of the Lord.

Devoting oneself is not a difficult task for those who have had a true encounter with God. A son of the Lord who knows the adoration and genuine fascination, only longs to have the opportunity to pour out your heart at the feet of your Savior. In a On one occasion, a young man talked to me about his spiritual life. He had been a Christian. for several years but I was worried because perhaps I wasn't fulfilling God's will for your life. He spoke to me about coldness. what was in his heart and the lack of spiritual power. I understood. that he was disillusioned and fearful of reaching a state in which his

my heart would harden. I gave him a word of encouragement that came from the writings of Bernard of Clairvaux: "My brother, the only heart
The one who has hardened is the one who does not recognize that he has hardened.

The only person who is in spiritual drought is the one who does not recognize that is in the middle of a drought. When we are worried about our coldness is the result of a longing that God has placed in our heart. God has not rejected us.

God places a longing and a need in our hearts and then respond to her; He does not mock us and flees. God asks us to let's search for their face in repentance and love and then we discover that all the fullness of his grace is waiting for us; and, by the grace of God, that is a promise for all human beings.

You have probably read something by Blaise Pascal, the famous seventeenth-century French scientist who has been considered one of the six greatest thinkers of all time. He was considered a genius in mathematics and his scientific work was very extensive. He was philosopher and writer but the best part is that one night he experienced a personal and overwhelming encounter with God that changed his life.

Pascal wrote a brief account of his on a piece of paper. experience; he folded the paper and placed it in a pocket next to his heart, apparently like a memory of what I had felt. Those who they were with him on the day of his death, they found the crumpled paper and spent. Pascal had written the following in his own hand:

From about ten thirty at night until twelve thirty.
fire. Oh, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob; not the god of philosophers and wise men. The God of Jesus Christ who can only be known on the paths of the gospel. Security, feeling, peace, joy, tears of joy. Amen.

Were those the words of a fan or an extremist? No. The mind Pascal was one of the brightest. But the living God had burst in and penetrated everything that was human, intellectual, and philosophical

in the essence of this man. Pascal, amazed, could only describe it in a the word the visitation he received in his spirit: "fire".

Understand that this was not a statement amidst many sentences. so that people could read it; it was the expression of ecstasy coming from of a man surrendering for two astonishing hours in the presence of his God. There was no kind of human engineering or manipulation at that moment. There was only amazement, fascination and adoration produced by the presence of the Holy Spirit of God while Pascal adored.

What we need among us is a genuine visitation of Spirit. We need that in the people of God be imparted a spirit of worship.

Chapter 8

The churches that fail God also fail in the worship

Until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature from the fullness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children tossed about, carried about by every wind of doctrine, stratagem of men who use cunning to deceive the cunning of error, but speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head, that is, Christ, who whole body, well coordinated and united among themselves by all the joints that help each other, according to the activity belonging to each member, receives its growth to go building yourselves up in love. Therefore, I say and urge you in the Lord: that you no longer walk as the other Gentiles do, in the vanity from their mind, having their understanding darkened, strangers to the life of God due to the ignorance that is in them, due to the hardness from his heart.

Many people who feel that they 'were born in the church' and many who they simply take the church traditions for granted never they stop to think about why we do what we do in the church and we call it worship. They may be unaware and even it is possible that they do not value the type of Christian that Peter describes as royal priesthood, holy nation and purchased people.

Allow me to propose then, the question that so many people with a religious background they never dare to ask. What is the true definition of the Christian church? What are the purposes What are the basics for which the church exists?

Now, let me respond.

I believe that the local church exists to do as a body what everyone a believer should do individually; that is, worship God.

The church exists to display the excellence of Him who called us from the darkness to his marvelous light; exists to reflect the glory of Christ shining in us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

I'm going to tell you something that will sound strange to you. Even to me too. it sounds strange as I say it, because we are not used to to say it in our Christian communities. We are saved to worship to God. Everything that Christ has done for us in the past and everything what we are doing now leads us to that purpose. If we deny this truth and we say that worship is not really important, we can blame ourselves for the way of thinking that prevails in many Christian churches. How can the church of Jesus be a school? spiritual when most people never graduate from the first Grade? That reminds me of the old joke about a man who... he was asked if he was well-mannered. "I should be," he replied, "I spent five years in fourth grade.

But there is nothing funny in the confession of any man or woman. he says that he should be a good Christian and still isn't, despite having spent the last nineteen years of his life in second and third degree of the Christian life. Where in the Scripture does it say that the Christian church is dedicated to ensuring that all its members remain. static? Where did the idea come from that if one is a Christian and relies In faith, does it not need to grow? On what authority do we affirm that we should not worry about Christian maturity and development spiritual?

Ask the people in the church why they converted and him they will answer: "In order to be happy, happy, very happy. All those who they are happy, say amen.

This condition is not something isolated. They are present throughout America and beyond. I suppose that all over the world we are very busy evangelizing and bringing people to the first level of life in the

spiritual school. It seems that there is a widespread and accepted idea, according to which we can leave to the believers in the first degree until the Lord, come back and then He will give them authority over five cities.

Well, those who know me know that I don't say these things. about the church trying to look smart or mocking the church.

I don't say them either to seem holier than others.

We live in a time when the Spirit of God tells us:

How genuine is your concern for the lost? How honest they are your prayers of concern for the church of Christ and its testimony in the world? How much agony do you feel in your soul for the pressures of this life and modern society in relation to well-being spiritual of your own family?

We will do a lot of damage to the church and to those we love if we don't

We recognize the terrible times we are living in. Are you so naive enough to believe and hope that everything will be the same week after week, month after month, and year after year?

It is likely that we know our country's history much better. than the rest of the world. But we would do well to remember history and the final destiny of Rome which was one of the most civilized empires never known, and it fell like a gigantic rotten tree. Rome it still relied on its military strength and externally looked powerful but it had collapsed internally. He enjoyed food and drink. boundless, there was fun through the circuses and the coliseum. They also had passions, lusts, and unrestrained immoralities.

What was the great army that managed to overthrow the Roman Empire? Rome fell before the barbarian hordes of the north: the Lombards, the Huns and the Ostrogoths, a people who didn't even care about footwear the Romans. Rome had become fat and weakened; it was neglected and carefree. Therefore, Rome died. The Roman Empire in the the West ended when the last emperor, Romulus Augustulus, was deposed in the year 476 AD.

The tragedy that happened to Rome within is the same kind of threat that can harm and endanger a complacent church and mundane. It is difficult for a proud and carefree church function as a spiritual, mature, and worshiping church. It always exists the imminent danger of failing before God.

Many people loyal to the church, to forms and to traditions. they deny that Christianity shows any kind of flaw in our lives. But it is the internal bleeding that produces the death and ruin. We could be defeated at the moment we We bleed too much inside. Remember the expectations. What does God have in relation to the Christian church; that is, the believers that form the invisible body of Christ. The revealed plan of God it was never that Christian churches degenerated to the point of function as social clubs. The communion of saints that The Bible advises never to depend on a variety of social connections. that are promoted in churches in these modern times.

The goal was never for the Christian church to function as a forum. in which current events are discussed. God did not plan to have a popular magazine that would serve as a textbook and provide the platform from which a secular debate on a topic will be launched. You may have heard me talk about the drama and the performance, about the hypocrisy of appearances. If so, you do not it will surprise when I declare without fear of being wrong that the objective it has never been that the church of Jesus Christ becomes a theater religious. When we build a sanctuary and dedicate it to the worshiping God, are we obligated to give space in the church to that those who are dedicated to entertainment show their talents little professionals?

I can't believe that the holy, loving, and sovereign God who has given us a plan of eternal salvation based on the sufferings and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ may feel pleased when His church dedicated to these shows. We are neither sufficiently holy nor wise enough to argue against the many

assertions found in the Bible that teach the expectation of God towards His people, the church, the body of Christ.

Pedro reminds us that if we are believers who value the work of Christ in our favor, we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special and unique people in the eyes of God. Paul told the Athenians that an effective and obedient believer is a son of God who lives, moves and is what he is in God. If we are willing to confess that we have been called to come out of the darkness and to manifest the glory of Him who called us, we should also be willing to take the necessary steps to fulfill our supreme calling like the church of the New Testament.

Doing anything less than that means failing utterly; it is letting down. to our God and to our Lord Jesus who has redeemed us. It is to fail us ourselves and our children; and it also means failing them miserable form of the Holy Spirit of God that came out of the heart of Jesus to do in us the works that can only be carried out for God through a holy and sanctified people.

In this global concept of the Christian church and its members that There are two ways we can fail God.

We can disappoint him as a church when we lose our testimony as a body. Generally, that failure is linked to a failure as individual Christians.

We look around us and see each other, and then we are arguing one of the oldest of all arguments: 'Well, that kind of failure certainly could not happen between us.' If We are concerned Christians dedicated to prayer, we will remember a pattern.

When a church weakens in one generation and fails to fulfill God's purposes, his next generation will turn away completely of faith.

Thus occurs the decline in the church and thus comes apostasy. This is how it is. the foundations of faith are denied and thus visions arise as well

liberal and uncertain about the sound doctrine. It is a serious and tragic matter the fact that a church has the real possibility of failing. The point of failure will come when it is no longer a Christian church. The believers those who remain will know that the glory of God has departed.

In the days of the exodus of Israel, God granted a visible cloud by day. and a pillar of fire by night as a testimony and evidence of its glory and its constant protection. If God were still using that type of signals to manifest your presence, I wonder how many churches would have the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

If you have any type of spiritual discernment, I don't need to do an effort to communicate that in our generation and in many communities, small and large, there are churches that exist only as monuments of what they once were. The glory is gone. testimony of God, of salvation and of eternal life is now only a Uncertain message. The monument is still there, but the church has failed.

God does not expect us to give up, to accept what should not be, let's consent to the wrong in the church and condone whatever it may be passing. God expects His children to measure the church with the parameters and the promises of the Word of God. Then with love, reverence, prayer and the guidance of the Spirit of God, we must dedicate ourselves patiently and carefully to the task of aligning the church with the Word of God. When this begins to happen and the Word of God takes its place of the priority that corresponds to it, the presence of the Holy Spirit will begin to manifest once again in the church. That is what my heart longs to see.

The second way in which one can fail God is related with the individuals who fail him. God has determined His purposes in the creation of every man and woman. He wants us to experience the new spiritual birth. He wants us to know the meaning of our salvation and that we be filled with the Holy Spirit. He wants us to let us reflect the glory of the one who has called us to his marvelous light.

If we fail in that sense, then it would be better if we had never... born. The facts are clear. After we are born spiritually, there is no turning back. We are responsible and we must to give an account. It is absolutely tragic to be a barren fig tree, that it has an external appearance of life, with leaves and branches, but never produce fruit. It is terrible to know that God had the goal of reflecting His beautiful light through us and still having to confess that we are useless, we are defeated and reflect nothing.

Friend, be fully assured that we will be aware of our loss. We will be fully aware of that. The most important thing alarming and terrifying about our condition as human beings is the eternal consciousness that God has given us. God granted us a sensitivity, a consciousness, a perception and an understanding that they are exclusively human characteristics; it is about the capacity to feel and understand.

If we had not been given that kind of awareness, nothing would affect us. why we wouldn't be aware of things. Hell wouldn't be hell if it weren't for the conscience that God has given them men. If humans simply fell asleep in hell, hell certainly would not be a hell.

My brother and sister in Christ, always give thanks to God for the blessed gifts of sensitivity, consciousness, and the ability to choose, that He has granted you. Are you being a faithful believer in the site what has he put it in? If God has called him to come out of the darkness to his light, you should worship him. If He has taught you that you must to manifest the virtues, characteristics, and excellence of the Lord that he has called you, so you should worship him with humility and joy, with the brightness and blessing of the Holy Spirit in your life.

It is sad when human beings do not express themselves with joy toward God in the place He has determined for us. Even we allow insignificant things and minor incidents affect our communion with God and our spiritual testimony in for the one who is our Savior.

On one occasion I had the opportunity to preach on another pulpit and After the service, we went to a restaurant with the pastor. A man. and his wife approached our table and stopped to talk for a moment. "I really enjoyed listening to you, Mr. Tozer," he said. "It was like in the old days." There were tears in his eyes and sweetness. in his voice as he recalled a small incident that had happened to him it happened in our church years ago. "I was foolish and decided to leave; today I had the opportunity to remember and recognize what I have been. "losing," he added. Then he apologized and they said goodbye.

The man was fully aware of the consequences of wrong decisions and hasty judgments made without guidance from the Spirit of God. I know very well that I was not talking about my sermon or my preaching, but of the faithfulness to the Word of God. I was speaking of the sweet and satisfying communion that exists among those who They love the Lord and were also talking about the loss of something internal. and beautiful that only reaches us when we obey the revealed truth of God.

There is no limit to what God can do through us if we we surrender and live in purity, worshiping Him and manifesting His glory and your faithfulness. We also need a clear awareness of what the sin and impurity cause around us. Sin does not recognizes no kind of limits; does not operate exclusively in certain groups. Wherever you live, in the best neighborhoods of a city or in the countryside, sin is sin and where there is sin, the devil is opera and the demons participate.

In this sinful world, it is necessary for you to ask yourself what is making with life, the light and the spiritual consciousness that God has given him Given. How are you with God regarding the friendships you have, the pleasures to which he dedicates himself and each of the details that make up your daily life? In the modern world, psychologists have been saying for several decades that we will certainly not have many problems if we can reach a point where religion no longer "bother" or "disturb" us. We are told that we will be able to dissipate

most of our personal problems if we manage to get rid of them of the complexes that guilt produces.

I feel grateful that God made us beings with consciousness.

eternal and that He knows how to care for us and guide us in the way suitable. People call me to give them guidance and advice spiritual. But the truth is that I can't do much for them.

When someone reaches the point of submitting and obeying, God has promised that he will give that person all the comfort they need.

After I arrived in Toronto, a cultured and attractive young woman asked for a appointment to see me in my office. Upon arrival, we talked for a while minutes to get to know each other a little; then, she told me the reason why the which was in my office. She told me that she was feeling troubled by the homosexual relationship he had with his roommate.

He also told me that he had already spoken with other professionals about it. regarding. I had the clear impression that he was waiting for me to assure him what he was doing was acceptable in our days.

On the contrary, confront directly. "Young man," I said, "you are guilty of sodomy and God will never approve that nor will He provide comfort until you turn away from your sin and seek forgiveness and the "the Lord's cleansing." "I think I needed to hear that," she admitted. As Christian minister and counselor, there was no possibility that I he will comfort and support that woman; he could not alleviate the pain of guilt that she was experiencing within her inner self. It was necessary for her that would suffer until the moment of the decision when he would confess his sin and immerse themselves by faith in the fountain of cleansing that is full from the blood that flowed from the veins of Emmanuel.

That is the remedy, it is the comfort and the strength that God has given you. promised to those whose conscience and sensitivity leads them to repentance, forgiveness, and integrity. God assures us of many ways that the people who worship him will be a purified people, a people that delights in the spiritual disciplines of a life that pleases him to God.

A person who has found the blessings of purity and joy
the Holy Spirit will never be defeated and a church that has
discovered the delight and satisfaction of a worship that springs from
The automatic form of love and obedience to God can never perish.

Chapter 9

The normal Christian worships God

God, having spoken many times and in many ways in another time to the parents by the prophets, in these last days has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all, and by whom he also made the universe; which, being the the radiance of his glory, and the exact representation of his nature, and who sustains all things by the word of his power, having effected the purification of our sins by in the midst of himself, he sat at the right hand of the Majesty in the heights, made so much superior to the angels, as much as he inherited more excellent name that they... But of the Son it says: Your throne, oh God, for the age of ages; The scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved justice and hated wickedness, for which God anointed you, your God, with the oil of joy more than your companions. companions. And: You, oh Lord, in the beginning founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you you remain; And all of them will wear out like a garment, And like a garment you will wrap them, and they will be changed; But you are the same, And your years will not end.

Hebreos 1:1–4, 8–12

What kind of Christian should be considered a normal Christian? That the question deserves more attention and debate than it usually receives. Some people claim to be normal Christians when in reality what they mean is nominal Christians. My old dictionary provide the following definition as one of the meanings of the word nominal

That exists only in name; something that is not real or true; therefore it is so small, light or things like that, as to deserve the name given to it.

Taking that definition into account, those who know that they are Christians only by name should never pretend to be Christians. normal ones. Is the Lord Jesus Christ your most precious treasure in this world? If your answer is affirmative, you can count yourself among the normal Christians.

The moral beauty that is only present in Jesus leads him. constantly worshiping and praising the Lord? If your answer is positive, you are truly one of those who the Word of God they identify as normal and practicing Christians.

However, I am sure that some are already formulating some objection. If a person experiences that kind of delight and fervor for the person of Jesus, is that person rather an extremist and not a christian normal? To which I respond with another question. Are the christians teachers have really reached a point in their perspective humanist and secular who insist on saying and believing that loving Jesus Christ With all my heart and with all my strength, is that something abnormal? It seems to me. that we are not reading and studying the same Bible.

How can someone profess to be a follower and a disciple of Jesus Christ and not feel amazed by the attributes of the Lord? They are his attributes that confirm that He is indeed the Lord of all and is completely worthy of our praise and worship.

As Christians, we like to say that 'we have crowned Him as Lord' about everything." However, it is difficult for us to explain what we mean. I have always been interested in the way one of our is written. wonderful hymns:

Lord of all creation, crowned from the heavens,

Your glory surpasses the sun and the stars;

Sustenance and foundation of all that is created,

And even so, you are close to every loving heart.

The Lord of all beings is not only the Lord of all people;
He is also the Lord of everything that exists. He is the Lord of all kinds of

to be: of spiritual, natural, and physical beings. Therefore, when it we adore, we must give our entire being. When the young they are beginning to understand this truth that teaches us that Jesus is Lord of everything and holds the highest position in the universe, they also begin to feel the importance of your calling to a life of full service loving.

Many young people fully dedicate themselves to science, others to the technology and some more to philosophy, music, or the arts. Without embargo, when we worship the Lord Jesus Christ, we encompass all the sciences, philosophies and possible arts. This is our answer to those who they belong to other religions and are willing to accept that Jesus was a man but they do not accept the statement made by the Lord of being One with the Father in His position as eternal Son of God.

People who follow another religion assert that when we worship Jesus Christ the man, we are guilty of idolatry because we we also confess that He was a man. We do believe that Jesus came to earth as the Son of Man. But we believe the complete teaching, and that teaching informs us that He was the only begotten of God. Therefore, Jesus was also God.

Through the mystery of the incarnation, Jesus Christ was fully joined to the men and women of the human race. The eternal plan was not to lower God to the level of man, but the Son will elevate the humanity at the level of God. Therefore, we must unite with beauty and to the astonishment of the theanthropic union: God and man in one person.

The synopsis of this unique mystery involving man and God is Simply the following: all that God is, Christ is as well.

When you worship the Lord Jesus Christ, you do not offend the Father because Jesus is the Lord of all beings and he is also the Lord of all life. the apostle John clearly taught us in his first epistle that none of us would know anything about the meaning of life if Jesus he would not have come from the Father to show us the true meaning of

eternal life. But Jesus came and as a result, John assures us that Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

The fact that Christ is the source of life for the redeemed and for the worshipers were expressed in a simple way in the profound Hymn called Jesus is the Love of My Soul, written by Carlos Wesley

In you there is fullness of grace,
Grace that covers all my sin;
Let the currents of healing flow,
Make me and keep me pure inside.
You are the source of life,
Let me drink freely from you;
A source that springs from my heart,
And it extends throughout eternity.

We know that there are many kinds of life but we can be sure that Jesus is the Lord of them all. In spring we see the new cocoon that peek out from the trees and shrubs. They are ready to bloom and to become the perpetuators of floral life. Soon we see the birds returning. I cannot easily forgive the birds. They are friends of good weather. On dark and stormy days when but we need them, they are in Florida. But they return every spring and they express their way of life by chirping and whistling their songs.

We started to see rabbits and other animals that also have their form. of life. Christ is the Creator and Lord of them all. Beyond these manifestations of intellectual life; for example, the life of the imagination and dreams.

We also know something about spiritual life. 'God is Spirit and those who... they worship him, they must worship him in spirit and in truth(John 4:24). The eternal Son of God is our Lord. He is the Lord of the angels and He is also The Lord of cherubim and seraphim. Jesus is the Lord of all forms. of life.

In our time, it is important to learn that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all wisdom and all justice. The total sum of the profound and eternal the wisdom of all times is in Jesus Christ as a treasure hidden. There is no kind of true wisdom that is not find in Him. All the eternal and profound purposes of God they reside in Him because His perfect wisdom allows Him to plan towards the future. The whole story begins to unfold slowly for fulfill their eternal purposes.

God in His wisdom is making the wicked men and the good men, adverse and favorable things work in the necessary direction for your glory to shine on the day when all the things will come to pass just as He has planned. Scripture teaches us many precious concepts about the way Jesus is the Lord of all justice.

Justice is not a word that the lost world easily accepts. Some people say: "The truth is that I feel satisfied" "Just by reading a good book that talks about ethics." Outside of the Word of God, there is not a single book or treatise that gives us an answer. satisfactory about justice because the only one who is Lord of all justice is our Lord Jesus Christ. The scepter of his kingdom is a scepter of justice. He is the only one in the entire universe who has loved justice to the perfection and has hated wickedness.

In the period of the Old Testament, there was an image of justice in the system of worship that existed in the temple. The high priest had to enter the Most Holy Place once a year to offer sacrifices.

He wore a garment on his forehead and the words in Hebrew that were written about that garment could be translated today as:

"Holiness to the Lord". Our Great High Priest and Mediator is the unique just and holy, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was resurrected from among the dead. He is the only just one and is the Lord of all justice.

He is also the Lord of all mercy. Who else would establish his kingdom in the midst of rebels whom He Himself redeemed and in whom did he renew a right spirit? Let's think together for a moment about what it is.

the beauty and in Him who is the Lord of all beauty. We know from our own reactions and for the delight we feel that God has deposited in the heart of human beings, something that has the capacity to understand and appreciate beauty. God has placed in us the love for forms harmonious, the love and the taste for color and beautiful sounds.

What many of us do not understand is that all things beautiful ones that bring so much pleasure to the eyes and to the ears, are only the external counterpart of a deeper beauty and durable, which we call moral beauty.

Regarding Jesus Christ, we can say that the uniqueness and the perfection of her moral beauty is what has enchanted even those who claim to be their enemies throughout the hundreds of centuries of history. There are no records that Hitler said anything in against the moral perfection of Jesus. One of the philosophers most brilliant, Nietzsche, who was a powerful instrument of the forces anti-Christian in this world, died by hitting his forehead against the floor And stating: "I love that man, Jesus. But I don't like Paul."

Nietzsche objected to Paul's theology of justification and salvation through faith but felt strange and deeply attracted inside him by the perfections of moral beauty that were part of life and of character of Jesus, the Christ, the Lord of all beauty.

We see this perfection in Jesus but when we observe with detainment of the system of the world and society, we see the terrible and be the scars produced by sin. Sin has destroyed and marked obscenely this world, turning it into a place asymmetrical, ugly and lacking harmony, in such a way that even the Hell is full of ugliness.

If you love beautiful things, I recommend you stay away from hell, because hell will be the ultimate expression of everything that it is morally ugly and obscene. Hell will be the ugliest place of all the creation. When the men whose language is grotesque say that something is "as horrible as hell," they are using a

correct and valid comparison because hell is that reality that turn into the parameter to measure all ugliness.

That is an unpleasant and negative image but we can be thankful to God for the positive promise and the perspective of paradise that it is place of utmost beauty. The sky is the most harmonious spot; it is the place where love and charm dwell. That which is absolutely beautiful. He is over there because He is the Lord of all beauty.

My brother and sister in Christ, the earth is in the midst of everything that is ugly in hell and everything that is beautiful in heaven. As long as we live in this world, we will have to consider the extremes. Light and darkness. Beauty and ugliness. Things that are good and things that are bad. Matters that are delightful and others that are tragic and harsh. Why? Because of the fact that our world is located in the midst of the beauty of paradise and the ugliness of hell.

Let me tell you the story of a person who called me to ask me the following question: "Mr. Tozer, do you believe that a "Can a true Christian hurt another Christian?" I found myself forced to Responder: "Yes, I think so."

How is it possible for a man to be on his knees one day, praying fervently, and the next day be guilty of offending or hurting another Christian? I think the answer is the fact that we we find ourselves right between heaven and hell; that is to say, by the fact of that the shadows and the light fall upon us.

We will never fully understand the terrible and tragic price. that the Lord of all beauty had to pay to obtain our redemption. The prophet Isaiah referred to the Messiah who was to come and He said, "There is no beauty in Him... that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2).

I don't think that artists have been able to offer us until now. a correct concept of Jesus the man. They portray him as a man I bet with a cute face and feminine features. They ignore what he said. prophet, "There was no beauty in Him that we should desire Him."

Jesus was completely like us; he was a strong man in the midst of the other men and apparently looked so much like his disciples that Judas Iscariot had to make a special deal to obtain his thirty pieces of silver. 'The one I kiss is the one' (Mark 14:44).

We can assert with certainty that when the eternal Son took on the form of a man, only his soul was beautiful. Only by transfiguring suddenly on the Mountain, "his face shone like the sun, and his dresses turned white like light" (And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.). Only then his closest disciples saw how beautiful he truly was.

master. As he walked among the men, his perfect beauty was evening.

There is an effective illustration in the figures of the Old Testament that reminds us of the ornaments of grace and beauty that will characterize the body of Christ, the church, as it prepares like a bride and waiting for her heavenly boyfriend. It is the memorable story of Isaac and Rebekah

In Genesis 24, Abraham sent the servant he trusted to his land.

Natal with the goal of choosing a wife for Isaac. We know,

Of course, Rebeca passed all the tests that the servant of Abraham presented him. There is no statement indicating that Rebeca was beautiful but it is very likely that she was.

The adornments of her beauty consisted of the jewels and the shine that it came from the loving gifts sent by the boyfriend, to whom still I hadn't seen. That scene is a figure of what God is doing.

in the midst of us today. Abraham typifies God the

Father; Isaac represents our Lord Jesus Christ, the heavenly groom. He a servant who was sent with gifts to a distant land with the aim of getting a wife for Isaac clearly symbolizes the Holy Spirit, our Master and Comforter.

I ask, what is our true beauty when we are called

one by one to take our place in faith in the body of Christ that

awaits the coming of the Lord? God has not left this matter to chance. He

He imparts to us one by one the beauty, the gifts, the graces of the Spirit.

Saint, imperfectly typified by those jewels and gems that the servant delivered in the name of Isaac.

We are being prepared in that way and when we find ourselves with Jesus Christ, when he comes as Lord and King, our adornments they will be the gifts imparted by the grace of God and the beauty that The Lord has given us. Only in that way will it be possible for us to stand before Him who is the Lord of all beauty.

If you do not know Him and adore Him, if you do not long to be where He is, if you have never experienced wonder and ecstasy in your soul at cause of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord, His assertion of being Cristiano has no foundation. It is not possible to relate his life to the true Christian life and experience.

In the meantime, I believe that Christians should be willing to crucify anything that is not beautiful in our days. We must adore sincerely to the Lord of all beauty in spirit and in truth. This truth is not very popular because many Christians insist on the the need to be entertained while being built up.

For a long time I have studied the life and ministry of Albert B. Simpson, the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I want to give you the warning that he makes about the fact of being careful not to fall so much in love with the good gifts granted by the Lord that we stop worshipping those who have given us those gifts.

Dr. Simpson was invited on one occasion to preach at an event in England on the topic of sanctification. Upon arriving, he discovered that I was on the platform alongside two other Bible teachers. The three of us were they had been assigned the same topic. The first presenter used his time to clarify his position that sanctification meant eradication.

"The sanctified person has had an experience that has moved them. its old carnal nature, just as when the weeds are removed from garden; that is to say, it has been eradicated.

The second speaker stood up and expressed his perspective, according to which sanctification meant the subjugation of the old

nature. "The 'old man' will always be there present," he said, "and the Victoria depends entirely on how you feel about it and not on it. unravel. In other words, it must be subdued.

That situation was not easy for Dr. Simpson, who had been scheduled as the third speaker. He told the audience that only I could present Christ as God's answer. "Jesus Christ is your sanctifier, His sanctification, His all in all things. God wants that you keep your eyes away from the gifts, the formulas, and the techniques. The wants his gaze to be fixed on the Giver, Christ Himself. He is his Lord. Worship him.

That is a beautiful teaching for those who want to worship in the way correct.

Before it was a blessing; Now it is the Lord.

Chapter 10

If you love Sunday, what about Monday?

Moses was tending the flocks of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Madian took the sheep through the desert and arrived at Horeb, mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a fire in the midst of a bush; and he looked, and saw that the the bush was burning with fire, and the bush was not consumed. Then Moses he said: I will go now and see this great vision, for what reason the bush does not burn. Seeing that he was going to see, God called him from the midst of the bush, and said: Moses, Moses! And he answered: Here I am. And he said: Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are is holy ground. And he said: I am the God of your father, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob. Then Moses covered his face, for he was afraid of to look at God.

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Are you the kind of person who reverently and silently bows your head when you enter a Christian church? I wouldn't be surprised if her response was negative. There is pain in my spirit every time I enter to an average church because we have become a generation that quickly loses all sense of the sacred and the divine in our worship. Many of those who have grown up in our churches they no longer think in terms of reverence, which seems to indicate that they doubt that the presence of God is there.

In many of our churches, it is possible to detect the attitude that everything is valid. My observation is that losing the awareness of God in Our medium is such a terrible loss that we could never understand it. Much of the blame is due to a growing acceptance of a worldly secularism that seems much more attractive to the people of the church who hunger or thirst for spiritual life

pleases God. We secularize God, we secularize the gospel of Christ and we do the same with worship.

That kind of churches will never produce powerful men of God and spiritually firm. From that kind of churches, neither will arise a spiritual movement of prayer warriors not a revival. Yes God must be honored, revered, and worshiped in truth, perhaps should get rid of all of us and start things over in another place.

There is a need for true worship among us. If God is who claims to be and if we are the people who believe in God, as we usually assert it, we must adore it. I don't think that ever let us truly delight in the worship of God if we never we have had a personal and spiritual encounter with Him through the new birth that is produced by the Holy Spirit of God.

Nowadays we have such simple and secular ways to persuade. to the people so that they enter the kingdom of God that we can no longer find men willing to seek God in a sincere way. When the we bring to the church, they have no idea what it means to love and adore God because, on the path through which we have been driven, they never experienced a personal encounter, a crisis or the need to genuinely repent. We only give them a Bible verse with a promise of forgiveness.

Oh, how I long to be able to properly manifest the glory of he who is worthy of being the focus of our worship! I believe that if our new converts (the babies in Christ) might come to see the thousands of attributes of God and to understand them, even if only in part. who is God, would be transformed into a deep desire for to adore, honor, and acknowledge the Lord from now and forever.

I know that many disillusioned Christians do not really believe in the sovereignty of God. In that case, we do not fulfill our role of humble followers who trust in God and his Son Jesus Christ. No however, that is the reason why Christ Jesus came into the world. The

theologians of old referred to it as theanthropism, the union of the divine and human natures in Christ. I take off my shoes and I kneel before this burning bush, this mystery that I cannot grasp. understand.

The teanthropy is the mystery of God and man united in one person. not two persons, but two natures. Therefore, the nature of God and the nature of man are united in him who is our Lord Jesus Christ. All that is God and all that is man are found together. fused in an eternal and inseparable way in Christ.

Consider Moses' experience in the desert while I contemplated the fire that burned the bush without consuming it. Moses did not hesitate for an instant to kneel before the bush and worship God, because I was not worshipping a bush, but God and His glory.

This is an imperfect illustration because the bramble remained a bramble. once the fire was extinguished. But this man, Christ Jesus, is the Eternal Son. There has not been a single moment in which God has separated from Him, except for that terrible moment when Jesus He cried out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew The Father turned His back on the Son for a moment when He he bore upon himself the putrid burden of our sin and guilt, when dying in the cross not for itself, but for us.

The deity and humanity have never been separated, and to this day they remain united in this Man. When we kneel before from Him and we say: "My Lord and my God, your throne, oh God, is eternal," We are talking to God.

I believe that the prophets of God were able to see the future centuries and to contemplate the mysteries of God much more than we have. It could be done with our modern telescopes and our means. electronics to measure light years, planets, and galaxies. The prophets They saw the Lord our God. They saw Him in His beauty and tried to describe it. In doing so, they said it was radiant, beautiful, pleasant, beautiful. They said it was full of grace and royalty. They described it as

a majestic being and yet full of meekness. They saw him just and full of truth. They tried to describe their love and concluded that in Him there was joy and it was a pleasant balm that produces delight.

When the prophets try to describe the attributes, grace and the dignity of the God who appeared to them and dealt with them, the words that They make me kneel and follow the given recommendation: "He is your" Lord; worship him.

God is beautiful, just, and majestic, and yet is full of a grace that It does not take away from his majesty. He is humble, but his humility does not diminish him either.

to His Majesty. The humility and majesty of Jesus are characteristics that makes me long to be able to write an anthem or compose music that celebrate those attributes. Where else is it possible to find majesty and humility united?

Humility was his humanity and majesty his deity. In Him both they are eternally united. He was so humble that he fed from the breast from her mother, she cried like any baby and needed all the care human that any child needs.

But he was also God, and in his majesty he stood before Herod and Pilate. When he returns, descending from heaven, we will see his majesty, the majesty of God, the Man who is God. That is our Lord. Jesus Christ, who, before his enemies, presents himself in majesty but, before his friends, he shows humility. Men have the freedom to choose the side they want to be on. If they don't want to know the side humble of Jesus, they will know his majesty.

On earth, children came to Him just like the sick and the Sinners. The man possessed by demons also came to Jesus. Those who were aware of their needs came from all over and they touched Him and discovered that there was so much humility in Him that His power he poured out and healed them. When he returns to appear on the earth, he will do so in majesty; in that royal condition, she will deal with pride, the self-sufficiency, the presumption and vanity of human beings for

in the midst of a glorious act, for the Bible says that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is the Lord and the King.

When we really come to know him, it is inevitable to love him and to adore him. Although we are the people of God, we are usually so confused that they could call us the poor, clumsy, and lame people. The reason I say this is because many always think about the worship as something we do especially when we go to the church, which we call the house of God because we have dedicated it to Him. We hold onto the erroneous idea that this must be the only place in that we can worship him.

Let us go to the house of the Lord, made of brick and wood, decorated with carpets and books. We are used to hearing a call to the worship: 'The Lord is in His holy temple; let us kneel before Him of Him.' That is what happens on Sunday in the church, and it is very beautiful. But Monday arrives soon. The Christian manager goes to his office to work. The Christian teacher is heading to the classroom. The mother Cristiana takes care of her chores at home.

On Monday, while we focused on our different tasks and responsibilities, are we aware of the presence of God? The Lord still wishes to be in His holy temple, no matter where let's go. He wants the love, the delight, and the continuous adoration of his children, wherever we work.

Isn't it something beautiful that the Christian businessman arrives to her office on Monday morning with a deep desire to worship? Isn't it beautiful that upon arrival I can say: 'The Lord is in my office;' everyone be silent before Him

If you cannot worship the Lord in the midst of all your activities then Monday, you most likely didn't worship him on Sunday either. church. The truth is that none of us has the ability to deceive God. Therefore, if we are so busy with our tasks on the Saturday that we are far from his presence and far from a spirit of worship in those moments, we are not in the best condition to

worship it on Sunday. It seems to me that many people have the idea of that God is in a box. He is only in the sanctuary of the church and when we left and drove towards our home, we experienced a kind of sensation, sometimes even unconscious, that we are leaving God in His immense box. You know that is not true. But, what is he doing about it?

God is not confined to a building, let alone to the car that you... drives either to your home or to the office where you work. The sincere Paul's exhortation to the Christians of Corinth is just as valid for our lives today as it was at the moment when the apostle wrote.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? you all? If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him. he; because the temple of God, which you are, is holy. (1 Corinthians 3:16–17).

If you do not know the presence of God in your office, your company, or your home, then God is not present in the church either when you I became a Christian when I was young and worked in one of the tire factories in Akron, Ohio. I remember what I did there and also how I adored.

Many tears were running down my face as I rose. my prayer to the Lord. No one has ever asked me anything about it but I would not have hesitated to explain to them the reason.

You can learn to perform certain tasks with such skill that the I did it automatically. I gained so much skill in my job that I could to do it while worshiping God even though my hands they were doing something different.

I have come to the conclusion that when we are worshiping (and that it can be while you are using some tool in the factory), if the love of God is in us and the Spirit of God places his worship in our hearts, all musical instruments What is in the sky sounds according to our tune. My conviction and

my experience is that the totality of our life, all our attitudes and all our being must be in constant worship to God. What is it in you that drives you to worship God?

Faith, love, obedience, loyalty, and self-control, all these characteristics drive people to worship God. If there is something in its interior that refuses to worship, then nothing that is in its One can worship God in the right way. You cannot to worship God in the right way if he has divided his life into different sections in such a way that some areas adore it and others do not.

Here is something that can become a great deception: to think that the Worship is only carried out in the church or in the midst of a storm. dangerous or when contemplating one of the magnificent, sublime, and unusual works of nature. I have been with some people who suddenly they became very spiritual upon witnessing the impressive shape of a steep mountain.

Sometimes it happens that when being in situations like that a person starts to shout: "A hurrah for Jesus", or some similar expression. My brother and sister in Christ, if we are children of God through faith and the Holy Spirit continuously brings us joy, delight and Astonishment, we will not need to put on a show in front of the mountain. to show how glorious our Lord is.

It is a deception to think that we are spiritual simply because we suddenly feel poetic and eloquent when contemplating the stars or nature or space. I just need to remind you that the Drunkards, criminals, and tyrants also experience that kind. of sensations, sublime. We must never think that this is worship.

It is impossible to give totally acceptable worship to God if we are aware that we harbor attitudes or in our lives situations that displease the Lord. It is impossible to worship with joy. and honesty to the Lord on Sundays and not doing the same on Mondays. It is it's impossible to worship God with a joyful song on Sunday and then to consciously displease him in my business on Monday and Tuesday.

I want to repeat what my perspective on worship is: There is not one. a form of worship that is entirely pleasing to God until in I do not want anything that displeases the Lord. Does that perspective demotivate you? to you?

Let me tell you that if you constantly listen to my teachings, you will be greatly comforted in the Spirit, but I have never had the intention to motivate people in the flesh. I have never had much faith in people by themselves. I sincerely respect the good ones. intentions that people have and I believe they can have the best disposition but in their flesh they cannot make their good intentions a reality Intentions. This happens because we are sinners and we are all in a dead-end situation, until we found the source of victory, the joy and the blessing in Jesus Christ.

There is nothing in any of us that can turn into something good. until Jesus Christ comes and changes us, until He dwells in us and unites our nature with that of God, the Almighty Father; only until then we can call ourselves good. That's why I tell you that the worship must be total; it must involve your whole being. Therefore you one must prepare to worship God and that preparation is not always Pleasant. It is likely that drastic changes will be needed in your life.

If there is going to be true and fervent worship in your life, some things must be destroyed, eliminated. The gospel of Jesus Christ it is certainly positive and constructive. But it must be destructive in some areas; that is, it must deal with and destroy certain elements that do not they can be part of a life that pleases God.

There have always been professing Christians who argue: "I worship in the name of Jesus." Apparently, they believe that worshiping God is a formula; they probably think that there is some kind of magic to pronounce the name of Jesus.

Study the Bible carefully and with the help of the Holy Spirit, and you will discover that the name and nature of Jesus are one and the same. It is not enough to know how to spell the name of Jesus. If we come to be

similar to Him in His nature, if we have reached the point of being able to ask according to His will, He will give us good things that we wish and we need.

We do not worship God merely with words; we must worship Him as result of a spiritual birth through which we experience that God has given us not only a name that He is Thankful, but it has imparted to us a transformed nature. Pedro he manifested this truth in the following way:

Through which He has given us precious and very great promises, so that through them you might become participants of the divine nature, having fled from the corruption that exists in the world because of the lust (2 Peter 1:4).

Why, then, deceive ourselves about the way to please God in worship? If we live in a way mundane and carnal all day and then we meet in the middle of A midnight crisis, how to pray to a God who is holy? How I address the one who has asked me to worship him in spirit and in truth? I kneel and invoke the name of Jesus only because I think there is some kind of magic in that name?

If I continue living my life in a mundane and carnal way, I will be deceived and disappointed. If I do not live according to the true name and the nature of Jesus, I cannot pray in the appropriate way in that name. In other words, if I do not live according to the nature of Jesus, I also cannot pray correctly according to that nature.

How can we have hope to worship God in a way acceptable when these wicked elements remain in our nature without being corrected or purified or destroyed or transformed? Let's even accept that it is possible for a man with evil elements in their nature I managed to worship God in some way in a way that is reasonably acceptable. In that case, it is worth it. wonder what kind of life it is that is worth continuing taking her. God has been saying: "I want to dwell in you

thoughts. Turn your thoughts into a sanctuary in which I can live." It is not necessary to do something very bad to have the need to sincerely repent for our sins. It is possible to lose communion with God and lose the strong feeling of His presence and the blessing of spiritual victory only by virtue of the fact to think in the wrong way.

I have discovered that God will never dwell in the midst of thoughts corrupt and filthy; will not dwell in the midst of lustful thoughts and greedy and neither will it in the midst of proud thoughts and selfish. God asks us to make a sanctuary in our mind in the that He may dwell. He treasures our pure thoughts and loving, our thoughts humble, charitable and kind because those thoughts are similar to His.

When God dwells in your thoughts, you will worship naturally and God will accept that worship. In that way, He will be able to smell the incense of his noble intentions even when the worries of life and the daily tasks are many. If God knows that your intention is to adore him with every part of your being, He has promised to help you achieve your goal. God puts love and grace, the promises at your disposal and the atonement, the constant help, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

It is necessary for you to do your part that is related to the determination, the search, giving up, and believing for your heart become a chamber, a sanctuary, an altar in which there is communion and continuous and uninterrupted communication with God. when all this happens, their worship flows towards God moment by moment.

Two of Spurgeon's greatest sermons were: God in the silence and God in the storm. The heart that knows God can find God anywhere. Certainly, I adhere to Spurgeon. in the statement that a person filled with the Spirit of God, a person who has had a real encounter with the living God, can to know the joy of worshiping Him whether in silence or in storms of life.

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