

**“Come Let Us Adore Him” part 4- “The Door to More”
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John 4:23 (Duoay-Rheims Bible)- *“The hour is coming, and now is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to adore him.”*

Also John 4:23 (NIV)

(NOTE: Jesus was ministering to a rejected woman—4 exes, shame in the town, currently living with a man uncommitted to her—telling her- “My Father doesn’t reject you. In fact, He wants you close to Him!”)

CORE: When we “adore” Him—we open “A DOOR” TO MORE!

(“Adore”- to regard with the utmost esteem, love, and respect; honor; to worship)

As we live in adoration of God—we open the door to:

1. THE CLIMATE WE WERE CREATED TO LIVE IN.

Job 38:2-7 (NIV)

- Creation was filled with exuberant praise—“stars sang” and “angels shouted for joy!”
- Why?
 - God was creating an amazing “place” for His much-loved children—His growing family on the earth!
 - Praise & adoration filled the world—from the very beginning!

This hasn’t changed! John’s glimpse into eternity reveals the same continuous climate of praise & adoration: SEE Revelation 4:11 (NIV and KJV)

- Ephesians 1:14 declares: Our inheritance and destiny as His much-loved children is that “WE SHALL BE TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY!”
- Isaiah 43:21 echoes this thought: “The people I formed for Myself, THAT THEY MAY PROCLAIM MY PRAISE!”

Frankly, we cannot truly live without adoration of our amazing God!

2. EVER-INCREASING AWE & AWARENESS OF HIM.

John (in Revelation 4) said: “I looked up and I saw...” (Lit.- “I was moved into a new realm of awareness”)

Psalm 22:3- “You are enthroned in (You inhabit) the praises of Israel (or “the praises of Your people”).

- God is everywhere—yet He is not manifest everywhere

- Isaiah 9:7- His “reign will never cease” (NOTE: Our praise does not cause Him to reign—it causes us to experience His reign!)
- “Inhabit” means “to feel at home.”
- When we “adore”—a door is opened to Him; we invite Him to be “at home” with us! (i.e., Mark 6:5- Jesus could only do a few miracles in Nazareth because He was an “unwelcomed guest”)

3. AMAZING EXCHANGES

Psalm 30:11-12 (TPT)- *“Then He came through, transforming all my wailing into a whirling dance of ecstatic praise! He has torn the veil and lifted from me the sad heaviness of mourning. He wrapped me in the glory-garments of gladness! How could I be silent when it’s time to praise You? Now my heart sings out loud, bursting with joy—a bliss inside that keeps me singing, “I can never thank You enough!”*

Isaiah 61:3- “...a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair”

Graham Cooke calls this “opening the door of the ‘INSTEAD’.” It’s the place where we exchange our worst for His best. Jack Taylor said, “Depression and praise cannot long live in the same heart!”

In this place of adoration, productivity is maximized! David expresses it this way: “May all the people praise you, O Lord, then the land will yield its harvest.”

4. GENERATIONAL BLESSINGS.

Psalm 145:4 (AMP)- *“One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty and remarkable acts.”*

Psalm 100:4-5 (AMP)- *“Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, bless and praise His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy and lovingkindness are everlasting, His faithfulness [endures] to all generations.”*

- When we live in adoration—we open the door of hope to future generations
- One of the worst things we can pass on to them is a grim, doom & gloom view of the future!
 - We use the phrase “end times” (i.e., “When is this over?”)
 - Jesus used the term, “last days”—a time of fulfillment & culmination (From the word “*eschatos*” meaning “fulfillment”; from the root “*echo*”—to hopefully hold fast to)

Isaiah 22:22- “He opens doors no one can shut & shuts doors no one can open.”