KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY

Worship April 18, 2021

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"Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:30-32

POSTURES OF THE HEART

1. Raised hands reflect a heart's desire to connect

"Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place." Psalm 28:2

"Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven." 1 Kings 8:22

2. Upturned hands reflect a heart's desire to receive

"I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land (...) Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:6; 8-10

3. Kneeling reflects a heart's desire to submit

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6-7

"For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

"'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.' "Romans 14:10-11

Idolatry always _______.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1-2

Ascribe worth to the Lord _____ and

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