

The Lakeview Lamp

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” - Psalm 119:105

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Bowing in Worship

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Nowhere in Scripture do we find a prescribed posture for one to take in worshipping God. Yet at the same time, we do find many references to people bowing or falling down in worship to God. Let's consider some of these occasions.

The second time the Bible mentions worship we read that Abraham's servant *“bowed down and worshiped the LORD”* when the Lord answered his prayer in helping him find the right woman for Isaac (**Gen 24:26**). In **Exodus 4:31** we read of the Israelites in Egypt, *“And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.”* When Moses instituted the Passover, again *“the people bowed down and worshiped”* (**12:27**). We also see that *“Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped”* (**34:8**).

Later we read, *“Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. [qv://0/anchor/7](#)Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground”* (**Nehemiah 8:5-6**).

After losing all his possessions and children, *“Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship”* (**Job 1:20-21**). The psalmist said, *“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker”* (**Psalm 95:6**).

When the wise men found the young Jesus, *“they bowed down and worshiped him”* (**Matthew 2:11**). When the women saw the resurrected Jesus they *“took hold of His feet and worshiped Him”* (**28:9**). In **1 Corinthians 14:25** Paul spoke of one who *“will fall down and worship God.”*

After seeing heaven John said, *“The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever”* (**Revelation 4:10; 5:14; 11:16**). He later also included the angels and four living creatures among those who *“fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God”* (**7:11**).

I can still remember my granddaddy and other men getting down on one knee when praying to God, but that was many years ago. The closest thing most people today do to this is bowing their head when they pray.

All throughout the history of God's people, they bowed or fell down in worship to Him. Sometimes that worship was caused by great joy, at other times by great sadness, or at others simply by being in awe of God's greatness. Whatever posture it may lead us to take, may we never fail to be moved by God's presence when we worship Him.

Gaining a Deeper Faith

Richie Thetford

John wrote: “*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name*” (**John 20:30-31**).

If we desire to have a deeper faith (belief) in Jesus Christ then we must be determined to know about Christ. In order to know of Jesus, we must read of Him. The only way that we can gain faith is to hear the Word of God and that comes by reading and studying (**Romans 10:17**).

Those individuals that John addressed in chapter four stated: “*Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world*” (**John 4:42**).

Faith Comes By Hearing

Throughout the pages of the New Testament we find example after example of people being converted to Christ as a result of believing in Him. In order for us to be truly converted to Christ we too must first believe and then have that belief strengthened through continuous study of His Word. Faith cannot be produced in the absence of testimony.

All agree that one must have faith, or be lost. Man is saved by faith, but Christ is the Savior. It follows, then, since Christ is the Savior and we are saved by faith, that Christ is the author of our faith (**Hebrews 12:2**). I would like to encourage all of us to open our Bible on a regular basis and read about our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. The more we read, the more we study, the greater our faith will be in Him and the more dedicated we will be in the service of His kingdom. May we all strive to gain a deeper faith in our Lord!

“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O LORD.” – Psalm 89:15

Family News

Mary Burnett is doing some better. Unfortunately, **Jean** (the lady who lives with her and helps her) has lost the ability to drive because of her eyesight.

Patsy Bronson, Jim Stubblefield's mother, has ongoing heart problems. Recently, she has also been having respiratory problems. She was in the hospital last weekend. She then went home, but was admitted to St. Thomas hospital this past Thursday. Overall, she is not doing well.

Elmo Ferrell continues to have more back pain than before.

Sandra Hunt continues to have great pain in her right shoulder and arm. She has a doctor's appointment this Tuesday.

Timothy Hunt has an appointment with a neurosurgeon this Friday. He has a shunt in his brain that for a few years has not been working. They are going to evaluate taking this shunt out.

John Jenkins, Robert's father, has lung cancer. He continues to receive chemotherapy. He remains weak and is not eating very well.

Pat Jordan, Brian Neighbour's aunt, has advanced cancer.

Jennifer Lindzy, Fran Pickens' 33-year-old granddaughter, has cancer. She has finished a round of chemotherapy. She has been allowed to go home for a few days before they begin another round of chemotherapy.

Allen Malone continues to work in Vietnam.

John Moore is suffering from food poisoning.

Cotton and **Nancy Read** are both not feeling well and lack energy.

Laura Reed had a bad day yesterday.

Georgia Taylor continues to not do very well.

Ame White is doing some better.

Robert Wray has cataracts. His sight will not improve without surgery.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Stubblefields** (AL); **Joyce Werner** (IN).

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"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).