

## Worship Unpacked - Give God My Talent

**TALENT-** Natural aptitude or skill: a special ability that allows someone to do something well... Webster's Dictionary

**TALENT-** A way to measure something of great value... God's Dictionary

**TALENT-** The essence of who we are, who God created us to be; an avenue of worship...CT Dictionary

**1. We worship God with our talent when our heart is set on doing what is right.** *Matthew 25:21; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 4:18*

**Genesis 6:9** - *Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.*

**What we all long to hear...** *Well done my good and faithful servant, you have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness.*

"God looks down upon those with an eye of favor who sincerely look up to Him with an eye of faith."

- **Matthew Henry**

**2. We worship God with our talent when we are available and obedient.** *Genesis 6:9,13,14,22; Genesis 7:5,9,16*

When God knows we are available, that's when He will use us.

**3. We worship God with our talent, despite incredible opposition.** *Genesis 6:5,11-12*

"It is easy to be religious when religion is in fashion; but it is an evidence of strong faith and resolution to swim against a stream to heaven, and to appear for God when no one else appears for Him." - **Matthew Henry**

**ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE US; WE SIMPLY CAN'T DO IT ON OUR OWN.**

God looks down and sees you giving yourself in worship, and He smiles.

**4. We worship God with our talent when we face what seems impossible.** *Exodus 14:21-22; 1 Samuel 17:45; 1 Kings 18:37; Esther 4:16; Daniel 6:21-22; Luke 1:37-38*

**Next week's reading guide: Give God Our Worship Together**

2 Chronicles 20:1-13

Psalms 21:13, Acts 2:1-4

Psalms 22:22-31, Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 30:4-12

Psalms 33:1-22

Psalms 46

Psalms 47

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What natural abilities and talents have you been given? How have you used them to worship God?
2. What area of your heart needs some adjustment to be right before God? A selfish attitude? A critical spirit? Language that does not bring glory to God?
3. How have you made yourself available to God? Share a time when the Lord confided in you and you were obedient.
4. What opposition are you facing at work, at home or within yourself right now?
5. What impossible ordeal are you facing? How will you use your talent to bring glory to God through the impossible?