

# NOVEMBER 2021

## MONTH OF DIVINE GRATITUDE

"WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS TOWARD ME? I WILL TAKE UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD. I WILL PAY MY VOWS TO THE LORD NOW IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL HIS PEOPLE" (PSALM 116: 12-14)

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# THE VOICE OF HOPE

## PASTOR'S CORNER

I welcome every family and friend of this great church into the later part of the Year 2021, which is our Year of Divine Maximum Security (Deuteronomy 33: 27). This Month of November is the Month of our Divine Gratitude. Interestingly, the God of Hope has been so good and great to us from the beginning of the year till today. We dare not take any of His goodness for granted. And since grace-full people are always grateful people we must decide to give God a hilarious praise and thanksgiving regardless. Let us therefore count our blessings and not our supposed challenges which God's power is working out for our miracles.

In the Old Testament, the people of Israel thanked God for His faithfulness to covenant promises: (1) for deliverance from enemies (Psalm 18:17; 30:1; 44:1-8) and from death (Psalm 30:8-12; Is 38:18-20; (2) for forgiveness of sin (Psalm 32:5; 99:8; 103:3; Is 12:1); (3) for answers to prayer (Psalm 28:6; 66:19); (4) for compassion toward the afflicted and oppressed (Psalm 34:2; 72:12); (5) for executing justice (Deut. 32:4; Ps 99:4); and (6) for continuing guidance (Psalm 32:8; Is 30:20-21).

In the New Testament, the object of thanksgiving is the love of God expressed in the redemptive work of Christ. Apostle Paul thanked God for that gift of grace (1 Cor. 1:4; 2 Cor. 9:15) and the ability to preach the gospel (2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Thm 1:12). Paul thankfully participated in the spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14:18). Gratitude for love and faith among believers pervades his letters (Rom. 6:17; Eph. 1:15-16; Phil. 1:3-5; Col. 1:3-4; 1 Thess. 1:2-3).

We must be careful of the spirit of entitlement for God cannot be forced or coerced to do any miracle for us. God only relates to us based on His covenant and mercy and it is always a privilege to have Him as our most dependable Father. So, do you have any reason to praise and thank God today? If yes, then open your mouth and heart to give God the food of praise and thanksgiving. And as you praise Him, every overdue blessing shall manifest while every overburden issue will be erased. Amen.



Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. Zech 9:12  
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THE SPRINGS OF HOPE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



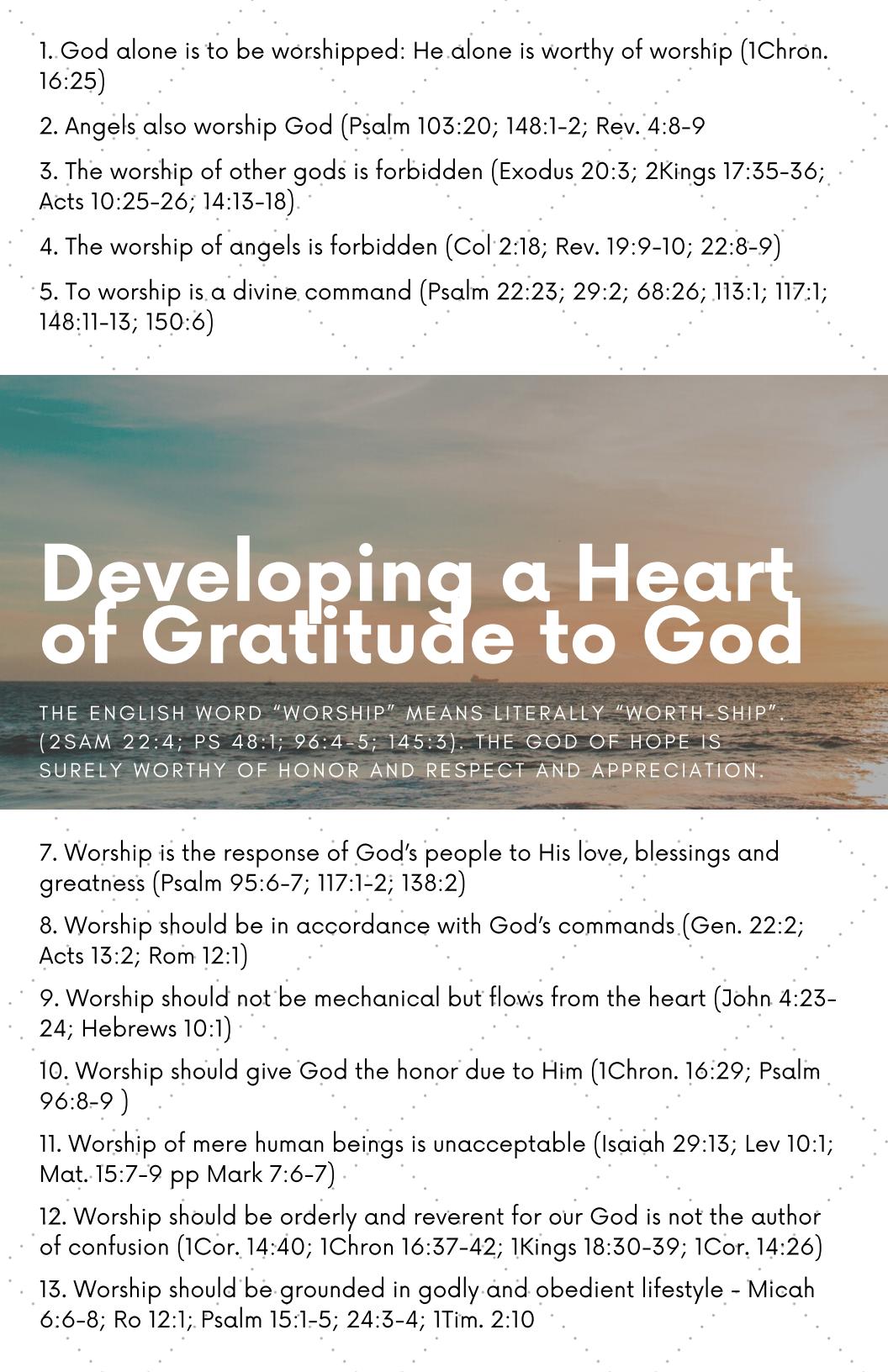
## MONTHLY PROPHETIC PRAYER POWER-POINTS:

1. Today I thank you the God of Hope for who you are in my life, church and family (Hebrews 11: 6)
2. In the Name of Jesus Christ I adore my God for His faithfulness to His promises (Psalm 28: 6)
3. Today I appreciate God for the salvation of my life from the power of hell (Psalm 32: 1-5)
4. In the Name of Jesus Christ I praise my God for His mercy and loving kindness (Psalm 136)
5. I thank God today for my family and church family (Psalm 127)
6. In the Name of Jesus Christ I praise God for His sure deliverance (Psalm 18: 17)
7. Today I lavish God with my praise and appreciation for His steady provisions for my life and family (Joshua 23: 14-16)

## CONCLUSION

Repeated Thanks Not Copyrightable

One item sent in for copyright at the Library of Congress was a book written by a whimsical Texas businessman, who intended to hand out copies to his customers and friends. Its title was A Million Thanks, and it consisted of the word "thank" repeated one million times. "No thanks," replied the Library, declining to register it because a single word is not copyrightable.

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1. God alone is to be worshipped: He alone is worthy of worship (1Chron. 16:25)
  2. Angels also worship God (Psalm 103:20; 148:1-2; Rev. 4:8-9)
  3. The worship of other gods is forbidden (Exodus 20:3; 2Kings 17:35-36; Acts 10:25-26; 14:13-18)
  4. The worship of angels is forbidden (Col 2:18; Rev. 19:9-10; 22:8-9)
  5. To worship is a divine command (Psalm 22:23; 29:2; 68:26; 113:1; 117:1; 148:11-13; 150:6)

# Developing a Heart of Gratitude to God

THE ENGLISH WORD "WORSHIP" MEANS LITERALLY "WORTH-SHIP". (2SAM 22:4; PS 48:1; 96:4-5; 145:3). THE GOD OF HOPE IS SURELY WORTHY OF HONOR AND RESPECT AND APPRECIATION.

7. Worship is the response of God's people to His love, blessings and greatness (Psalm 95:6-7; 117:1-2; 138:2)
8. Worship should be in accordance with God's commands (Gen. 22:2; Acts 13:2; Rom 12:1)
9. Worship should not be mechanical but flows from the heart (John 4:23-24; Hebrews 10:1)
10. Worship should give God the honor due to Him (1Chron. 16:29; Psalm 96:8-9 )
11. Worship of mere human beings is unacceptable (Isaiah 29:13; Lev 10:1; Mat. 15:7-9 pp Mark 7:6-7)
12. Worship should be orderly and reverent for our God is not the author of confusion (1Cor. 14:40; 1Chron 16:37-42; 1Kings 18:30-39; 1Cor. 14:26)
13. Worship should be grounded in godly and obedient lifestyle - Micah 6:6-8; Ro 12:1; Psalm 15:1-5; 24:3-4; 1Tim. 2:10

14. Worship with awe - Deut. 10:12;  
Lev. 10:1-3; 2Chron 7:3; Psalm 2:11;  
68:35; 96:9; Eccl. 5:1

15. Worship includes trust - Psalm  
4:5; 37:7; Hebrews 11:6

16. Worship includes praise - Psalm  
22:22; 107:32; Hebrews 13:15

17. Worship includes thanksgiving  
Psalm 100:4; Rev. 11:16-17

# Time for Worship

18. Worship with joy

- Psalm 95:1; 27:6; 43:4; 100:2; Luke 24:52-53; Acts 2:46-47

19. Worship includes the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord - Phil. 2: 9-11

20. Worship includes confession of sin - Hosea 14:2; Psalm 66:18

21. Worship includes the reading of God's word - Col 3:16; 1Tim 4:13

## CONCLUSION

### Shortest Verse In Bible

Our attention is often directed to the two shortest verses in the Bible noting that "Jesus wept" is the shorter of the two. But in the Greek we find this "shortest" verse has three words whereas the verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 ("Rejoice evermore") has only two. However, one surely can see the lovely connection between the two verses. The Christian's joy flows from the sympathy and grace of their Savior. Jesus wept—we rejoice evermore.

# REVELATIONAL INSIGHTS

## Mankind's Greatest Debt

Winston Churchill paid a great tribute to the young men in the Royal Air Force who guarded England during the war, saying, "Never in the history of mankind have so many owed so much to so few." The Battle of Bastogne represents one of the bloodiest actions in World War II. A monument there pays tribute to the heroism of the US 101st Airborne Division: "Seldom has so much American blood been shed in the course of a single action. Oh, Lord, help us to remember!" But when thinking of the cross of Christ, we can say "Never in the history of the universe has mankind owed so much to One."

## TESTIMONY

The God of wonders beyond the galaxies has proved Himself again as the great deliverer. Our beloved brother testified on how God supernaturally spared his life from what would have resulted to a massive stroke. He went to work on a normal day and as soon as he was done with his job, he bent down to pick up a pen that fell from his pocket, the unthinkable happened. Our brother slumped and could not get up. He received medical attention and the Doctor pronounced an evil report. But our brother testified that he confessed what the word of God said concerning his healing and the month of October being our month of Divine Healing, God came through for him. The God we serve indeed is the Great Physician!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Last Fridays Night Prayer Vigil of Power and Hope (12midnight -3am)
- > Church Sunday Service by 10:30 am
- > Thanksgiving Service -Thursday, November 25th @ 10:00AM

## HEADQUARTERS

### GENERAL OVERSEER

Pastor (Dr.) Lawrence A. Lasisi

### SENIOR PASTOR

Pastor Mrs. Grace A. Lasisi

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### South Jersey - House of Miracles

Pastor Akin Obafemi

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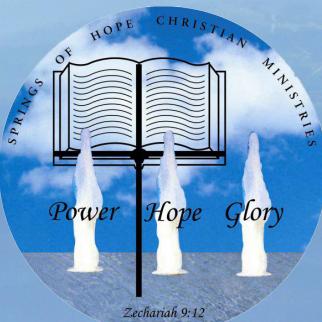
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## MISSION STATEMENT

- To build a multiethnic Christian Church with a passion for Jesus Christ and compassion for the world.
- Church Core Values
- Reaching out with the message of Power, Hope & Glory.
- Church Vision.
- To proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of the world through evangelism, worship, preaching, teaching, and humanitarian services to the people of all races and colors.
- To train and ordain God's people for the manifold ministries of Jesus Christ worldwide.
- To raise altars of prayer for God in every member household.
- To establish schools, hospitals, medical centers, and orphanage at home and abroad.
- To plant churches home and abroad for the purpose of making disciples of all nations.

## 2021 WATCHWORD

### GOD'S YEAR FOR OUR DIVINE MAXIMUM SECURITY

"The Eternal God Is Our Refuge And Underneath Are The Everlasting Arms." - Deuteronomy 33: 27

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

That the Holy Bible is divinely inspired by God, and is infallible, trustworthy and dependable, and authoritative in all matters of faith and conduct.

That there is only one God, who is eternally existed in three distinctive persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That Jesus Christ our Lord is God manifested in the human flesh to take away our sins and hopelessness by his voluntary suffering, death and physical resurrection.

That salvation of all humanity is only through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our only Hope in the world of hopelessness.

That the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ to live a holy life, to witness about Christ to the lost and to be anointed to be victorious in every sphere of life.

That the church is made up of those who have genuinely accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

That healing of various kinds is integral part of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Water baptism and the Lord's Supper are authentic ordinances of the church.

That there is Satan and its demonic co-workers, whose work is to thwart and frustrate the purpose of God on earth, but their final end is the hell fire.

That there shall be a bodily resurrection of the dead in Christ to heaven, and of the unrepentant sinners to hell fire.

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#### Sunday Worship - 10 AM

Wednesday Bible Study - 7 PM

Friday Hour of Victory