**Pastor Demetric Felton, Sr. February 7, 2021**

 **God Is Worthy Of Your Praise**

Psalm 66:1-20

**Key Truth:** As Christians, we should let our praise and testimony be our witness to the world that God is real and worthy of our trust, love and obedience.

1. God is the center and focus of our worship and

 praise.

 A. We should invite the world to sing praise to God

 the creator and savior of the world.

 B. It is right for God to receive praise from His

 creation.

2. Focus on worshipping God for His mighty deeds.

 A. Look to what God did in the past.

 1. He delivered Israel from the bondage of slavery.

 2. He delivered us from the bondage of sin.

 B. Look to what God is doing in the present.

 1. God doesn’t keep us from trouble but sustains

 us through it.

 2. God allows trials to mature us and to

 strengthen our praise.

 a. There is no spiritual maturity without

 adversity.

3. Practice having an outwardly thankful attitude.

 A. Determine to live a life of thankfulness.

 B. Let it show it show up in how you worship, serve,

 and give.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His mighty deliverance and invite others to join in giving Him praise.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

We usually reserve expressing thankfulness for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, or Thanksgiving. What are you grateful for today?

What does gratitude reveal about our hearts? Do you see yourself as a grateful person?

Read Psalm 66:1-7: These verses focus on worshiping God for His deeds. What did God do that led the psalmist to praise Him?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What does it look like to live as a sacrifice to God?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: How can you practice an outwardly thankful attitude for all that God has done for you?

Read Psalm 19:14: If someone observed your life, would he or she believe that you are thankful to know God?

Read Mark 5:14-20: What part does our testimony play in telling others about the goodness of Jesus Christ?

How are you giving God your spiritual worship this week?