



**Habits of Grace: Corporate Worship Hebrews 12:18-24**  
**Walt Alexander**

**Sermon Quotes**  
**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

**#1:**

"Corporate worship is the single most important means of grace and our greatest weapon in the fight for joy, because like no other means, corporate worship combines all three principles of God's ongoing grace: his word, prayer, and fellowship. It is corporate worship, with its preaching and sacraments and collective praises, confessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, which most acutely bring together the gifts of God's voice, his ear, and his body."

David Mathis  
*Habits of Grace*

**#2: Exodus 19:4-6**

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

**#3:**

"We were made for more than private devotions...We were made to worship Jesus together...When the fog of everyday life clears, and we catch a glimpse of heaven's bliss, we don't find ourselves sequestered at a study desk or hidden alone in a prayer closet in paradise, or even standing alone before the great Grand Canyon or mountain peak of God's majesty, but joyfully lost in the worshiping throng of Christ's people from every tongue and tribe and nation.

We were made for corporate worship...Heaven will be more spectacular than we can dream—and the new earth, even better than heaven—but it might be surprising to hear that perhaps the best foretaste we can get on this side is with the gathered church, worshipping Jesus together."

David Mathis  
*Habits of Grace*

**#4:**

"When the Holy Spirit comes down on you in fullness, you can sense your Father's arms beneath you. It is an assurance of who you are. The Spirit enables you to say to yourself: 'If someone as all-powerful as that loves me like this, delights in me, has gone to infinite lengths to save me, says he will never let me go, and is going to glorify me and make me perfect and take everything bad out of my life - if all of that is true - why am I worried about anything?' At a minimum this means joy, and a lack of fear and self-consciousness."

Tim Keller  
*Prayer*

**#5:**

"As we gather in the presence of the living God on the Lord's Day, the Lord is pleased to use our right worship of Him as a battering ram to bring down all the citadels of unbelief in our communities. Just as the walls of Jericho fell before the worship and service of God, so unbelievers tremble when Christians gather in their communities to worship the living God rightly. Jesus promised us that the gates of Hades would not prevail against the Church. It is not often noted that the gates of Hades are not an offensive weapon. Hades is being besieged by the Church; it is not the other way around. We need to learn to see that biblical worship of God is a powerful battering ram, and each of the Lord's Day we have the privilege of taking another swing."

Douglas Wilson

