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CHAPTER 37

Worship Mavens

Mavens are trusted experts. They know the truth and comprehend the significance of its impact. The Yiddish word maven (also mavin) literally means, “one who understands”.¹ Mavens understand the facts and they convey them with specialized skill and tested authority. Being both knowledgeable and practiced, they exert a far-reaching and long-lasting influence—like stars that shine in the universe.

In his book “Outliers: The Story of Success”, Malcolm Gladwell gained insight from an expertise authority to highlight a key ingredient for outstanding achievement.² Swedish psychologist K. Anders Ericsson found that standouts in virtually every field share one thing in common—10,000 hours of deliberate, dedicated practice.³ Experts in sports, the performing and fine arts, engineering, law, medicine, education, public speaking, writing, software development, etc., all excel because they devote the equivalent of 20 hours per week for 50 (out of 52) weeks each year for 10 years refining their talent and developing their skill.

Worship mavens invest their time discovering and appraising God’s worth with in-depth scrutiny. They study Him, personally interact with Him, ponder, meditate, contemplate, and reminisce as they express extravagant praise with reverent veneration. Our Heavenly Father seeks worshipers who know and embrace the truth about Him with their spirit, soul, and body. By the quality of their words and the integrity of their deeds, they convey detailed gratitude with ardent affection.

¹ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maven>

² Malcolm Gladwell, “Outliers: The Story of Success”, Little, Brown, and Company, New York, 2008.

³ Malcolm Gladwell, *Outliers: The Story of Success*, Little, Brown and Company, New York, 2008

As competing interests and rival attractions contend for their devotion, our Heavenly Father seeks attentive worshipers who chose to spend time with Him—a lot of time. They value who He is, recognize what He has done, and understand what He offers. Investing ten thousand hours of intentional focus provides a modest foundation for this eternal goal. The parameters of divine discovery are infinite. The best is yet to come!

Above all else, worship mavens show their Heavenly Father what He is looking for—an unassuming response established with proven experience in the knowledge of the truth. Grounded in spiritual revelation, worship mavens bow down with demonstrative veneration—and then they arise to perform exploits beyond their own strength and courage. Worship mavens inspire others to comprehend the value of God’s worth, to praise Him with accomplished excellence, and to worship Him with steadfast reverence.

*“the people who **know** their God
will display strength and take action”*

Daniel 11:32 (NAS)

Makes His Praise Glorious

Intending to make the most of their time, worshipers do more than bow down occasionally. Informed by God’s wisdom, they apply spiritual insight with dynamic experience. After appraising God for all He’s worth, worshipers propel their faith into the future by living, loving, and influencing for all they are worth.

The eternal destiny of each person rests on a finite foundation set between embryonic conception and their final heartbeat. Therefore, each moment affords precious opportunities. Every increment of time exists for a purpose. Flawed human intelligence may limit our potential for understanding the full scope of God’s magnificence. Yet, within the constraint of mortality, finite moments mark our future with indelible ink and irreversible permanence. Once time passes, we cannot press a rewind button, delete, undo, or redo a single moment.

As time winds down, our Heavenly Father anticipates a global response led by worship mavens. He is not looking for professional disciples doing sophisticated religion or pious performers staging a church show. With eyes fixed on His beloved children, our Heavenly Father seeks shining stars proficient in praise and proven in worship. Some will bow in hidden solitude while others convene publicly to make His praise glorious.

The future, which John saw in the Revelation, extends reality with paramount urgency—it thrusts worshipers forward with intrepid anticipation. Valiant and

fearless, worshipers resist and defy Satan as they venerate Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each generation waits for Jesus to return using faith, hope, and love to sharpen their perspective. The time has now come for the worshipers that comprehend the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ to reclaim their heritage as shining stars holding forth the word of life with a far-reaching and unquenchable influence.⁴

Over the centuries, talented believers have vacillated between leading and following in every category of life. As worship mavens proclaim God’s highest praise, they will restore strategic expressions in song, dance, oratory, music, drama, painting, and sculpture. With accomplished expertise, they will persuade curious minds and captivate longing hearts. Worshipers inform society and transform culture with astute awareness and provocative assurance. Instead of mimicking secular trends, their prophetic influence exerts inspired insight with visionary foresight.

As God waits for sinners to recognize and acknowledge the value of His worth, enlightened saints are preparing a glorious response—one that resonates with the heavenly host. Vast multitudes will eventually assemble before God on a foundation of informed worship. As crescendos of praise ascend with sonic authority, worship mavens will present creative masterpieces fortified with affectionate reverence.

Worshipping God with Required Reverence

While ushering God’s presence to Mt. Zion, King David showed favoritism to the sons of an esteemed nobleman.⁵ Like high-profile performers in virtually every culture, Uzzah and Ahio enjoyed special privileges in the spotlight of national advantage. Contrary to God’s command, David appointed persons of prominence to chauffeur the Ark of the Covenant. When their ox-powered cart stumbled, Uzzah reached out to steady the seat of God’s presence. Immediately the Lord struck him dead—for acting “*irreverently*”, i.e., without appropriate respect.

God had specifically commissioned ordained priests to carry the Ark with demonstrable reverence. Nonetheless, David chose to adopt the performance technique of his mortal enemy. The unconventional oxcart used by the Philistines failed Uzzah as he held the reins. Going off script, he performed a catastrophic

⁴ Philippians 2:14-16 NIV

⁵ 1 Chronicles 13 and 2 Samuel 6

solo by literally taking matters into his own hands. Uzzah had extended himself far beyond his natural ability and spiritual authority.

Worshipping God with utmost reverence while contending with Satan's adversarial deception requires more skill and influence than a professional musician or noble benefactor can offer. As the spiritual climate changes and the knowledge of God's glory covers the earth, responding with dauntless reverence will become increasingly vital.

After David and Uzzah failed to help others connect with God's presence, "*all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouts, with the sounding of rams' horns and trumpets, and of cymbals, and the playing of lyres and harps*".⁶ When it comes to celebrating a divine connection, our Heavenly Father desires all-inclusive participation. King David stripped from his royal garments to stand humbly on an even plane with "*all Israel*" for this take-two occasion.⁷ Every member in the Body of Christ has something to contribute—from novice to aspiring maven.

Unlike the strict rules for divine engagement, which applied to the Old Covenant priesthood, the entire church can now experience God's presence while participating in praise and worship. Connecting with Jesus is not an exclusive affair reserved for VIP mavens or an elite class of priests and performers that sustain the fiscal demands of the church. God's circle of friends extends beyond the privilege of the favored few. He welcomes a universal response from vast multitudes.

An Eternal Legacy

God's inseparable love sets the record straight in the courts of heaven; it sweeps us off our feet and escorts us into eternal reality. Knowing the truth about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit replaces functional religion with a relational intensity. It transforms both stale rituals and creative routines into dynamic encounters. True love, knowledge, and experience trigger an extravagant response, embellished by highest praise and enhanced by reverent worship.

Our Heavenly Father never forgets the sincere sentiments conveyed by a true worshiper. Their reverent response reverberates forever on God's playlist. Whether brief or prolonged, worship defines our connection with God and dictates our connection with others. It affirms our humanity and confirms our destiny. Each gesture highlights our status in the Book of Life with permanent resolve.

⁶ 1 Chronicles 15:28 NIV

⁷ 2 Sam 6:16, 20-22 NKJ

By ascribing reverence on earth, we engrave our everlasting autograph in heaven's archive. Scripted by spirit, choreographed by soul, and performed with body, worship on earth establishes an eternal legacy. The depth of our homage validates our divine design and authenticates our eternal purpose.

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