*Saturday, January 15, 2011*

**True Worship**

Ephesians 5:19-20 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (KJV)

[Singing and making melody in your heart] The heart always going with the lips. It is a shocking profanation of divine worship to draw near to God with the lips, while the heart is far from him. It is too often the case that, in public worship, men are carried off from a sense of the words by the sounds that are put to them. And how few choirs of singers are there in the universe whose hearts ever accompany them in what they call singing the praises to God. (Adam Clarke Commentary – Eph 5:19)

We are not to be as the many who are carried off into an emotional and open show of what they call worship unto God. God looks at the heart, not at the outward appearance or so called good works. Our worship, like prayer, is the intimacy that we are to have with our Father in Spirit and in truth. It is the meek and quiet spirit that in serving Him uprightly in all manner of our life is what speaks volumes of praise unto God and our Lord Jesus Christ, not the outward showing of it.

Joy is the melody of the heart in union with Christ singing praises of thanksgiving unto God. When you experience joy isn’t your heart jumping and leaping within you; and there are no words to describe what the Lord has revealed unto you or done on your behalf? Walking in the love, joy, and peace of God, which is Christ in you the hope of glory, is the heart in union with the Lord singing its praises unto God.

Remember it is in heart (which we are to guard with all diligence), this is where our foundation of life is, where whatever is in our heart comes forth into our lives. What a man thinks in his heart so is he; as well as out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks; life and death are in the power of the tongue. So what are you speaking to yourselves; what melody is in your heart? Do your lips follow your heart, or does your heart follow your lips?

It is our duty in everything to give thanks unto God and the Father, to God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father in him, in whose name we are to offer up all our prayers, and praises, and spiritual services, that they may be acceptable to God. (Matthew Henry Commentary – Eph 5:20)

My dearly loved brethren, sing a new song unto the Lord, one of worship in Spirit and in truth with thanksgiving always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the melody of love, joy, and peace in Christ be in your heart singing praises unto God now and forever more.