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“Great are you, O Lord, and worthy of praise, Great is your strength and of your wisdom there is no counting. Even man is, in his own way, a part of your creation, and longs to praise you...You stir us up to take delight in your praise; for you have made us for yourself and our heart is restless till it finds its rest in you.”

St Augustine of Hippo

Proskuneo to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
 let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
 and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the LORD is the great God,
 the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
 and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
 let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 the flock under his care.

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ ‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.’

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

12 ¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.