

## Session 8: Worship

### What is worship

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5  
Mark 12:30; also Luke 10:27 and Matthew 22:37

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:2

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Psalm 150:1-6

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### Sanctuary

1. **In Heaven:** Hebrews 8:1-2.  
Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.
2. **In his church:** (2 Corinthians 6:16).  
16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, And I will be their God, And they will be my people."

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### Sanctuary

3. **In a Believer:** (1 Corinthians 3:16).  
16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?
4. **In New Jerusalem:** Revelation 21:22.  
22 I did not see a temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

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### Who will worship the Lord?

Romans 14:11 It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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### Why Worship

1. **Jesus told us to worship**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

Jesus said to him, "Away from me Satan! For it is written; 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only. Matthew 4:10, referring to Deuteronomy 6:13

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## Why Worship



### 2. He is worthy of our worship.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Psalm 96:4-5

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalm 96:7-9

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! Revelation 5:12

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## What happens when we worship



### 1. The Glory of The Lord fills the Place of Worship

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; His love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God. II Chronicles 5:13-14

Psalm 22:3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. KJV

Psalm 22:3 Yet You are holy, You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. NASB

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## What happens when we worship



### 2. Worship transforms us.

And we, who with veiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. II Corinthians 3:18

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## What happens when we worship



### 3. We recognize we are not Holy and confess our sins

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." ... "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. Isaiah 6:3,5

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## What happens when we worship



### 4. Worship helps us focus on the eternal perspective.

About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once, all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains flew loose. Acts 16:25-26

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## Who do we Worship



### The Lord

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness. I Chronicles 16:29

### The Trinity

...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood... I Peter 1:2

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## Who do we Worship



### 1. God the Father

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. John 4:23

### 2. God the Holy Spirit

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me. John 15:26

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## Who do we Worship



### 3. God the Son

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

I and the Father are one. John 10:30

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. John 14:9

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## What kind of worshippers does the Father seek



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## How do we worship



Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

Worship is an expression of our entire lives

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## How do we worship



1. Heart:
2. Soul:
3. Mind:
4. Might/Strength:
5. Bodies as a living sacrifice: Yourself

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## How do we worship as a living sacrifice



1. Let your eye look upon no evil thing, and it has become a sacrifice;
2. Let your tongue speak nothing filthy, and it has become an offering;
3. Let thy hand do no lawless deed, and it has become a whole burnt offering.
4. Do good works.
5. Let the hand do alms,
6. Let your mouth bless them that despitefully use us,
7. Let your ear find leisure from hearing of Scripture.

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### Seven Hebrew words translated Praise



Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.....Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; Psalm 95:1-2,6

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### Seven Hebrew words translated Praise



1. Halal: To jump, dance, to be loud and clamorous Psalm 150:2  
*Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.*
2. Yadah: To throw your hands up and forward while making a confession about God Isaiah 25:1  
*Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.*
3. Towdah: To lift your hands in thanksgiving Joshua 7:19  
*Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me." NASB*

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### Seven Hebrew words translated Praise



4. Shabach: A loud, joyous shout of testimony Psalm 145:4  
*One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts*
5. Zamar: To worship the Lord while playing an instrument Psalm 98:4  
*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.*
6. Barak: To kneel in reverence and submission Ps 72:15  
*15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.*

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### Seven Hebrew words translated Praise



7. Tehillah To sing a spontaneous, unrehearsed song of the Lord, from your spirit Psalm 22:3  
*But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. KJV*

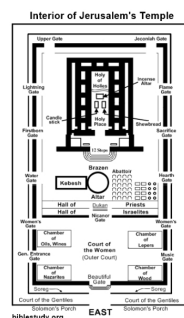
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### Flow of Worship



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Ps 100: 1-4

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### Intimacy in Worship



Psalm 42:1-2 : "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul longs after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and appear in God's presence?"

Song of Solomon 2:10

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away."

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### True Love



Jesus, I need to know true love  
Deeper than the love found on earth  
Take me into the King's chamber, Cause my love to mature

Let me know the kisses of Your mouth  
Let me feel Your warm embrace  
Let me smell the fragrance of Your touch  
Let me see Your lovely face  
Take me away with You, Even so, Lord, come  
I love You Lord, I love You more than life

My heart, my flesh yearn for You, Lord  
To love You is all I can do  
You have become my sole passion, Cause my love to be true

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### Worship in times of Suffering



Matthew 26:36-44

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Luke 22:44

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

### Worship in times of Suffering



Psalm 57

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take shelter until the danger has passed"  
9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing Your praises among the peoples.  
10 For Your loving devotion reaches to the heavens, and Your faithfulness to the clouds.  
11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; may Your glory cover all the earth.

### Worship in times of Suffering



Psalm 143

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my plea for mercy. In Your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief  
3 For the enemy has pursued my soul, crushing my life to the ground, making me dwell in darkness like those long since dead.  
4 My spirit grows faint within me; my heart is dismayed inside me.  
10 Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. May Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.  
11 For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me. In Your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble.  
12 And in Your loving devotion, cut off my enemies. Destroy all who afflict me, for I am Your servant.

### Kiss the Son

1 of 2



When you've been broken, broken to pieces.  
And Your heart begins to faint, 'cause you don't understand.  
And when there is nothing to rake from the ashes.  
And you can't even walk, onto the fields of praise.

But I bow down and kiss the Son.  
Oh, and I bow down and kiss the Son.

Let the praise of the Lord be in my mouth.  
Let the praise of the Lord be in my mouth.  
Though You slay me, I will trust You, Lord.  
Though You slay me, I will trust You, Lord.

## Kiss the Son

2 of 2



When the rock falls,      falls upon you.  
And you get ground to dust, no music for your pain.  
You open the windows,      the windows of heaven.  
And then You opened me, and You crushed me like a rose.

But I bow down and kiss the Son.  
Oh, and I bow down and kiss the Son.

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## Lament



### Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”
- 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
- 6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”
- 9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

## Worship in Spirit and Truth



Ps 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 34:18

18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as  
[a]have a contrite spirit.

Isaiah 57:15

15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name  
is Holy:  
“I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble  
spirit,  
To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

## Personal Application: Journaling Exercise



**Father, what would you like to say to me about  
worship?**

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