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Worship: Offering Your Whole Self to God

Scripture commands that we worship YHWH, to exalt, revere, and adore His name, offering Him our whole self in love and obedience.

Definition: Worship is the full surrender of heart, mind, and body to YHWH, expressed through love, obedience, and reverence, both privately and in the congregation.

Out of Worship grows; Love, Evangelism, Discipleship, Giving, Praying and Holiness. These are not separate from worship, but the fruit of it. When worship is genuine, love becomes natural, obedience becomes joyful, and holiness becomes a response rather than an effort.

*The disciples were worshiping on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled them and drove them into the streets to bear a witness to the living Christ (**Acts 2**).

*Isaiah was in the Temple worshiping when YHWH appeared to him, forgave his sins, and called him as a prophet to the people (**Isaiah 6**).

*It was in the act of worship that the two distraught disciples had their eyes opened to recognize “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) at their table (**Luke 24**).

These examples reveal a pattern. True worship always leads to transformation. Every time someone worships in truth, YHWH reveals Himself, changes hearts, and sends His people into action.

Worship is the act of ministering or showing YHWH how much, He is valued and adored. We must remember that any expression of worship is centered towards YHWH and for YHWH.

*It is not just singing about Him. It is singing to Him.

*It is not clapping about Him, dancing about Him, bowing about Him. It is clapping, dancing, bowing, and whatever other form of worship you use, to or towards Him.

*It is YHWH focused and YHWH centered.

Worship is not performance, it is relationship. It is the response of a disciple who loves YHWH more than comfort or audience.

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However, you apply this and wherever you apply this, do so to **bless** YHWH. **Psalms 26:12 (KJV)** My foot standeth in an even place: **in the congregations will I bless the LORD.**

Psalms 63:4 (KJV) Thus **will I bless thee while I live:** I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Psalms 145:2 (KJV) **Every day will I bless thee;** and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Luke 19:38 (KJV) Saying, **Blessed be the King** that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

2 Cor 1:3 (KJV) **Blessed be** YHWH, even the Father of our Lord “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Eph 1:3 (KJV) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord** “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach):

1 Pet 1:3 (KJV) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord** “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) from the dead,

People worship Differently. Some are loud and expressive. Some are quiet and solemn. Some kneel, some stand the whole service, some dance, others just sit. Some sing praise songs, others sing hymns, others sing only psalms, others chant. Some read their prayers, others write their prayers, others tell YHWH whatever pops into their minds at the moment, others speak in unknown languages. Some take Communion every week, others once a month, or even less often. Some worship in church buildings, others in storefronts, others in homes. For some, preaching is the centerpiece of worship, for others it's only a minor part.

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Are there right and wrong ways to worship? Of course, so what makes worship right or wrong? is it your posture, your music, or whether you raise your hands, clap your hands, or fold your hands? **Mark 7:7 (KJV)** *Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.* The standard is not the method, but the motive. YHWH looks at the heart. If our focus is Him, our worship is right. If our focus is self, even a song can become sin.

Worship is one of the most important spiritual disciplines in the Disciples' life. If you don't like worship, then you will not enjoy heaven because worship is the one thing we will be doing in heaven.

Revelation 5:13 (KJV) *And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

It is not just something we do as a warmup act for preaching of the Bible. It is something that we must do that has just as much importance as preaching of the Bible. It is an expression of love, gratitude, and reverence from our heart towards YHWH.

Many times, that heart towards Him expresses itself in what we say with our lips and what we do with our bodies.

John 4:19-24 (KJV) *The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) saith unto her,*

Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. 24 YHWH is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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In “YHWH is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” Is this Telling us that it does not matter how we worship because now we worship in spirit., or was “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) answering her as to having to go to a place and worship? The woman merely stated; “20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

“Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) was actually answering both. That we no longer need a place to go and worship. Even though having a place to go and worship is nice and feels good, it is in a sense worthless unless we worship in spirit and truth.

Worshipping "in spirit" means that you mean it; that you're worshipping inside out, not just going through the motions.

Worshipping "in truth" means that you're worshipping the true God and not some created idol. It also means being truthful with your words and thoughts that are brought to worship; that you're not trying to put on a religious act to impress someone or impress yourself. Worship is an act of Love and the love to YHWH can only be shown by our obedience. **Matthew 6:5 (KJV)** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:6-8 (KJV) But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Let's start by acknowledging that there are several key elements that are important in worship even if they are not applied all at the same time. Praise, confession, obedience, study, prayer, fasting, communion, involvement, giving.

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Worship Through Obedience and Daily Life

True worship goes beyond music or emotion. **Romans 12:1–2** calls us to “present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Every act of obedience, every time we deny self and choose His will, we are worshiping. Worship is not confined to a church or a song. It is a lifestyle that says, “Your will be done.”

John 14:15 reminds us, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” Love expressed through obedience is worship in its highest form.

Hebrews 13:15–16 reminds us, “By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Worship is not complete without doing good. Gratitude and obedience are the daily rhythm of a worshiping life.

Singing is a way to worship YHWH.

The most common form of Discipleship worship is singing. The Bible tells us to sing in our worship.

YHWH is not interested in whether or not you are a great singer with a beautiful voice. He wants to know that you are expressing the melody that has been given to you in your heart by Him.

The only excuse not to sing in worship is pride and self-consciousness.

Worship is not about your comfort. It is about blessing YHWH and He wants to hear you sing.

Psalms 100:1-2 (KJV) Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. **2** Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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Ephesians 5:19 (KJV) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

James 5:13 (KJV) Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Raising hands and/or clapping in worship to YHWH

Should we raise our hands during musical worship, or keep them in our pockets? Many have said that the raising of hands in worship is a modern thing and not traditional Christian worship. Worship in its truest form is singing a prayer to YHWH. There is biblical precedent for both the lifting of hands and the clapping of hands as an act of worship.

When a child runs up to their father and lifts their hands what do they want? They want to be picked up by their dad.

When a person surrenders to someone in authority, what do they do? They lift their hands.

The lifting of hands is a type of body language that shows intimacy between a child and their father and a sign of surrender to authority.

Nehemiah 8:6 (KJV) And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Psalms 141:2 (KJV) Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV) I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Clapping is a universal sign of applause. Who is better to receive our applause than YHWH?

You clap for your sports teams, for a good movie, for a politician who says something you agree with, so start clapping for YHWH. He deserves our applause for what He has done for us.

Psalms 47:1 (KJV) O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

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Kneeling and/or bowing down as a form of worship

Probably one of the least used yet most sincere form of worship is bowing down. Whether you get flat on your face or on your knees, bowing down is a sign of surrender and reverence. It is also the form of worship our flesh and pride resists the most.

However, it is a very legitimate form of worship. It takes great humility not to care about what others are thinking and just humble yourself before the Lord.

Psalm 95:6 (KJV) O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Romans 14:11 (KJV) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to YHWH.

Philemon 2:10 (KJV) That at the name of “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Worshipping YHWH By Dancing

Dancing is often mentioned in the Bible. The first instance is found in **Exodus 15:20** when Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, led the Israelite women in dancing following the miracle at the Red Sea. It served as an expression of worship and celebration.

Exodus 15:20 (KJV) And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

David also offers a positive example of dancing used as an expression of worship. **2 Samuel 6:16** states, "And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord;"

The Psalms also mentioned dancing as an expression of worship in **Psalm 30:11; 149:3; and 150:4.**

Matthew 11:17 notes dancing as a symbol of joy that accompanied music (also **Luke 7:32**).

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Psalm 149:3 (KJV) Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

Matthew 11:17 (KJV) And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

Luke 7:32 (KJV) They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

However, two important considerations should also be noted about dancing. First, dancing is mentioned both positively and negatively in Scripture, depending upon how it is used. In addition to the positive examples above, dancing was also associated with pagan worship.

Exodus 32:19 (KJV) And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

Dancing was not mentioned in Scripture related to the church gatherings of the New Testament. Whether dancing actually occurred during early church services is unknown, but it is not specifically mentioned and is certainly not required to worship YHWH.

A look at the Bible's overall discussion of dance reveals that it can be used for good or for evil. Those who enjoy dancing can use it for YHWH's glory, as a form of celebration and worship, and even as a way to serve the body of "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach). However, dancing can also be used in the worship of other gods and used for other evil purposes.

In terms of dance in the church, the Bible offers the advice that, "All things should be done decently and in order" (**1 Corinthians 14:40 (KJV)** *Let all things be done decently and in order.*). Each local church can determine how, when, and if dancing is permitted within its activities, so long as it fulfills a godly purpose. Outside of church activities, Christians need not fear dancing, so long as dancing is used in positive rather than negative ways.

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Though some groups have viewed all forms of dance as evil for Christians, the Bible does not support this view. Instead, it offers a more balanced approach that dance can be used for YHWH's glory yet also can be used for wrongful purposes. The Christian must seek to fulfill **1 Corinthians 10:31 (KJV)** that teaches, " **Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of YHWH.**"

Scripture tells us that the postures of worship may include standing, kneeling, prostrating ourselves, eyes lifted up, eyes cast down, and hands raised. We do not see one specific posture universally required in worship, and neither do we see one specific "authorized" expression of worship.

We can conclude, therefore, that the raising of hands and/or the clapping of hands during worship is an appropriate expression of worship, although neither is required for worship. **John 4:24 (KJV)** says, "**YHWH is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**" Worship is a spiritual event, and true worship comes from the heart. If our worship is not heartfelt, it doesn't matter what posture or expression of worship we use. If our worship is from the heart, YHWH accepts our worship.

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Misunderstandings About Worship

Psalms 29:2 (KJV) Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

It seems to be a common thing to complaint about church services.

"I didn't get anything out of that today." "I didn't get anything out of the sermon." "I didn't get anything out of that service." "I guess her song was all right, but I didn't get anything out of it." Does any of that sound familiar?

A. Purpose of Church Gatherings

First, let's get the most important question out of the way; What is "Church" supposed to be as a whole?

Church is a common place where believers and disciples are supposed to gather for the sole purpose of:

1. Being YHWH's Son, the Christ as a group of believers and disciples.

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

2. Worshiping and praising YHWH.

Psalms 122:1-4 (KJV) I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. **2** Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. **3** Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: **4** Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Psalms 150:1-6 (KJV) Praise ye the Lord. Praise YHWH in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. **2** Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. **3** Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. **4** Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. **5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. **6** Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

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Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of Hamashiach dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Isaiah 56:7 (KJV) Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

3. Praying as a whole.

Acts 1:24 (KJV) And **they prayed**, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
Matthew 18:20 (KJV) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

4. Fellowshiping and encouraging one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (KJV) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Acts 9:31 (KJV) Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Ephesians 4:14-16 (KJV) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Hamashiach: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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5. Studying and teaching the word of YHWH.

Acts 11:25-26 (KJV) Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

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Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (KJV) These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: **15** But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of YHWH, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Luke 4:16 (KJV) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

6. Having Communion – Breaking of bread.

ACTS 2:42 (KJV) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

7. A place to hang out with the family of believers. Psalm 84:10,

1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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Worship is not Supposed to be about “Getting something” Out of it.
Worship is not about you and me. It’s not about "getting our needs met." It’s not about a performance from the pastor and singer and choir and musicians.

Worship is About the Lord

Psalm 29:2 (KJV) Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

We are in church to worship. Not so much about getting.
Most people go to church with the expectation of “getting” something out of it. Everyone needs to learn and understand that church worshipping is “JUST THAT”, worshipping!

There are other times and places where we are to get “Something”! for example, when we hear the sermon before or after worship or during bible studies, hopefully we “get” knowledge. At church gatherings, We “get” to be with Family and give and feel loved by others and listen to their praises to the Lord. We get to talk about “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) and glorify our Heavenly Father. We may even “get” some food. But as for worshipping, we are to give! Give our best to the Lord. Give our hearts out in prayer and worship. Just like we are supposed to “give” it all in obedience to the Lord!

We are giving glory to YHWH. Not to man.

We know that. At least we say we do. How many times have we recited, "...for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory"? And how often have we sung, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."?

We do so because glory is His right. He is "worthy of worship."

Self-centeredness Destroys All Worship

If my focus is on myself when I enter the church, seeking to have my needs met or to be entertained, then Christ has no part in it He becomes my servant, and the pastor (and all the other so-called performers) are there only for me. It's all about me.

Believers have strayed so far from the biblical concept of worship--giving YHWH His due in all the ways He has commanded--it's no wonder that

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churches have become more like concerts, stores and fast food places than a place of worship. All because that is what sells the most!

Preachers are trying to cater to the insatiable hungers of the people. Even to the best and most godly preachers, it becomes an almost impossible task. One week he gets it right and then, about the time he thinks he has it figured out, the congregation walks out grumbling that they got nothing out of the free meal he served that day.

Evangelism & Discipleship, Giving & Praying, Grow Out of Worship, Not the Other Way Around

The disciples were worshiping on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled them and drove them into the streets to bear a witness to the living Christ (**Acts 2**).

Isaiah was in the Temple worshiping when God appeared to him, forgave his sins, and called him as a prophet to the people (**Isaiah 6**).

It was in the act of worship that the two distraught disciples had their eyes opened to recognize "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) at their table (**Luke 24**).

The Lord "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, "Those who worship YHWH must worship in spirit and in truth" (**John 4:24**). That is, with their inner being, the totality of themselves, their spirit, not just their lips or their bodies going through the motions. And in truth--the revealed truth of how YHWH has prescribed worship to take place. He is not pleased with "just anything" that we claim as worship.

We must balance our worship between spirit (the subjective part: body, soul, emotions) and truth (the objective aspect: all that YHWH has revealed in His word).

We Are the Ones Who Decide Whether We Worship upon Entering the House of the Lord

Don't blame the preacher if you don't worship. He can't do it for you.

No one else can eat my food for me, love my cherished ones in my place, or do my worshiping for me.

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No pastor can decide or dictate whether we will worship by the quality of his leadership or the power of his sermon. Whether I worship in today's service has absolutely nothing to do with how well he does his job.

I am in charge of this decision. I decide whether I will worship.

When Mary sat before our Lord “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), clearly worshipping, He informed a disgruntled Martha that her sister had "chosen the good part," something that "will not be taken away from her" (**Luke 10:42**). That something special was time spent in worship. Such moments or hours are eternal.

Lest someone point out that Martha could have worshiped in her kitchen by her service for Christ, we do not argue, but simply point out that she was not doing so that day.

Worship is something we do, not something done to us.

In the worst of circumstances, I can still worship my God. In the Philipians prison, while their backs were still oozing blood from the beating they'd received, Paul and Silas worshiped (**Acts 16:25**).

Even if a church has no pastor and has to make do with a stuttering layman or some inept fill-in, I can still bow before the Lord, offer Him my praise, and give Him my all. I can humble before Him and I can bring my offering.

What I cannot do is leave church blaming my failure to worship on the poor singing, the boring sermon, or the noise from the children in the room. I am in charge of the decision whether I will worship, and no one else.

Someone has pointed out that ours is the only nation on earth where church members feel they have to have "worshipful architecture" before they can adequately honor the Lord. Millions of Christians across the world seem to worship just fine without any kind of building.

The insistence on worshipful music, worship settings, and worshipful everything are all signs of self-centeredness. The same type of setting Satan would like as a self-centered place to make anyone believe and feel good about themselves.

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When the prophet Malachi put down his pen after writing the last book in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit fell silent for 400 years. A look at what worship had become in Malachi's day may tell us why:

Malachi 1:6-7, 11-13 (KJV) A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. **12** But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. **13** Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

What we do for our Lord “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) should never be "a weariness." Perhaps you've heard people complain, "Are we going to church again? Do we have to sit there and be bored?" No matter how large the crowd, it's sad to see a full church with empty people trying to overflow.

Weariness In Worship

One of the worst things we can do is half-hearted worship. Lukewarmness says, "I believe, I'm just not excited about it." “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) said to the church at Laodicea, "Because you are neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm, I will spew you out of my mouth." (**Revelation 3:15-16**) That's not a place we want to find ourselves!

Renewal begins with gratitude. When we recall what He has done for us and how much mercy He has shown, weariness fades. Worship regains its wonder

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when gratitude replaces routine. Remembering the cross and the Spirit's presence awakens joy again.

Have you become weary in your worship? We are to worship to the Lord with enthusiasm, not weariness. We should be excited about serving the Lord "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach). Every day should become sweeter.

How do we keep the wonder in our worship?

Recognize the awesome nature of God. "Christ" (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) refers to God as "father". Fathers are to be honored.

"To honor" means to give weight to - to take seriously.

Do you take YHWH seriously?

Are you serious about your worship? Or do you come into His presence with a yawn and a sigh?

Masters are to be obeyed and given respect. Respect doesn't mean our worship must be quiet. The Bible says, "Be still and know that I am God," but it also describes drums, cymbals, leaping and dancing, praising YHWH with all one's might, and shouting unto the Lord. This is not irreverence but joy-filled, overflowing worship.

Respect the Nobility of God

Our God is a great King. If we knew that the President or an earthly king planned to visit our worship service, what might we do differently? Would we...

Make sure to be there?

Sing with more feeling?

Engage mentally in all that was said and done?

Totally focus on our honored guest?

The King of Kings will be present in our worship. May our praise rise to heaven like sweet incense, an offering worthy of our God - a great King.

2 Samuel 24:24 reminds us that true worship costs something. David said, "I will not offer to YHWH my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

True worship always involves surrender, whether it is time, pride, comfort, or desire.

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Every offering that costs us something becomes sacred. Our time, focus, and obedience are sacrifices that reveal the worth we place on YHWH.

Whatever the issue in your life is, the key is to worship YHWH who created us and knows everything about us - our failures, shortcomings, insecurities, hampering sins and fears.

There is power in worshipping God. If we want to see breakthroughs in our life and in the lives of others, then this is the time to enter into deeper levels of worship both personally and corporately. It is only as we ascend to the throne room in worship that we can descend back into the harvest field here on earth, praying and warring for victory in every area of life. When you and I come boldly to YHWH's throne in worship and obedience, He gives us His plans and strategies for our lives here on earth. There is no way that we can walk in His peace, power, and perfect plan without a lifestyle of worship.

It is amazing to see life from YHWH's point of view instead of our own. The problem with this is that the only way to be able to see life from YHWH's point of view is by seeing the whole picture. And it is through obedience and the study of the scriptures where YHWH will meet and show us His ways and His understanding to our reading and studying of His word.

We have been entering the days of Noah, and we must lay hold of this reality so that each one of us may stand firm, hold steady, and pray fervently as the days unfold before us. There is no storm that “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) will not be able to conquer. If we worship Him in the midst of resistance, we shall see His victory. He can break through any obstacle when we make His will our lifestyle.

Most believers willfully remain at a distance from YHWH, by confining their interior life to a few routine exercises of piety and a few external acts of worship and service performed as a matter of duty. Such people are usually careful to avoid sin.

They respect YHWH as a Master. But their heart does not belong to Him. They are not really interested in Him, except in order to insure themselves against losing heaven and going to hell.

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In actual practice, their minds and hearts are taken up with their own ambitions and troubles and comforts and pleasures and all their worldly interests and anxieties and fears.

YHWH is only invited to enter this charmed circle to smooth out difficulties and to dispense rewards.

Little do this type of people know that we all deserve hell and that heaven has not been attained because of the lack of Godly knowledge.

Godly knowledge and Godly understanding is what separates a true disciple from a simple believer and what directs our path to either hell or heaven.

Worship is not what we attend. It is what we become. Each disciple must choose daily whether to live as a spectator or as a living offering before YHWH.

Where do you stand today?

Will you offer your whole self to YHWH in spirit, in truth, and in obedience, or settle for a routine that costs nothing?

The question is not whether we worship, but whom and how. May our lives become living altars before YHWH, pleasing in His sight.

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