

The Lifestyle of a True Worshipper



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- Series: “The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ”
 - Theme: The Year of Refreshing – The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
 - Purpose – to teach us how to become effective and efficient in our walk with Christ as believers.
 - Goal – to allow the Holy Spirit to break down the spiritual barriers in our lives, so that we can maximize our growth and fulfill our God-given purpose.
- Lessons Taught:
 - The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - The Power of a Transformed Mind. (Colossians 3:1-4, Proverbs 23:7)
 - The Power of God’s Word. (Hebrews 4:11-13)
 - The Power of the Tongue (James 3:1-12, Proverbs 18:21)
 - The Power of Praise and Worship (Psalms 42:1-2, 100:1-5)
1. The word “praise” means an expression of heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for us.
 2. It is a physical and vocal expression of our sincere appreciation to God.
 3. Worship is the highest form of praise. (John 4:22-24)
 4. Worship means to depress, prostrate, to bow down, fall down, or to humbly beseech.
 - 1) Praise and worship from the heart creates an atmosphere for the presence of God.
 - 2) Praise and worship from the heart prepares our heart for the Word of God.
 - 3) Praise and worship from the heart brings us closer to God. (James 4:8)
- A. Worship is the act of the inferior bowing before the superior – which is God. (Psalm 95:6-7)
- We exist because of God and not the other way around.
 - We exist for God’s glory and not for our glory!

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- True worship is more than the songs we sing, more than the lifting of our hands, more than the tears we shed, but the lifestyle that we live before God.

- God has commanded us to praise, but He created us to worship.
- A. The Motivation of True Worship is love. (John 3:16, John 14:21, John 15:13, 1 John 3:1 Romans 5:8, Deuteronomy 7:9, Galatians 2:20)
1. Praise and worship is not about what we can get but what we give to God. (Psalm 29:1-2)
 2. True worship is not something we do out of formality, duty or obligation. It is what we do out of a pure heart of love and gratitude for who God is. (Hebrews 12:28-29)
- In the Book of John Chapter 21:15-17, Jesus is having a conversation with Peter. He asked Peter a very simple yet powerful question – “Peter do you love Me?”
1. Notice Jesus didn’t ask Peter about his personal sins, his character flaws, his gift, his talent, his abilities, or his financial situation. Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love Me?”
 2. If your love for God needs motivation, then your level of love will be temporary. (John 14:22-24, 15:10)
 - This will affect your attitude and approach toward God, even the things He has called you to do.
 3. There’s a big difference between “I have to and I get to.”
 - As believers we are given the privilege and honor of having a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
 - Love that is grounded in truth, Jesus Christ is The Truth (John 14:6), will be a love that will survive the test and trials of life.
 - Love that is grounded in lies and deceit, will quickly unravel and fall apart at the seams.
 - A relationship with God through Jesus Christ is not “I have to but I get to.”
 - As believers we get the privilege of calling the God of heaven, earth and the universe Our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ our friend. (Romans 8:14-17, John 15:13-14)
 - As believers we get the privilege of loving and serving the True King – Jesus Christ. The One who loves all mankind with an agape love (God-kind of love). (John 3:16)

4. The believer's life will reflect the very object or thing they love and focus upon. (John 4:1-29, Colossians 3:1-2)
 - The believer must worship God in "spirit and truth." (vs. 23-24)
 - a. If our lives are going to reflect who we truly love and worship – Our focus must be centered on the right object. (vs. 25-26)
 - The right object for believers is God and His Son Jesus Christ.
 - The right guide for believers is the Holy Spirit.
 - The right standard for believers is the Truth of God's Son and God's Word.
 - The right action required for believers is faith and obedience.
 - b. A true worshipper will be devoted to the right object which is God and His Son Jesus Christ.
 - Not riches. Not possessions. Not people. Not Angels. Not power and position. (Exodus 20:1-5, Matthew 4:1-10, Matthew 6:24, Mark 8:36)

B. The Attitude of a True Worshipper

1. True worship is the believer's response to who God is.
2. True worship is the believer's response of true reverence toward a Holy God. (Psalm 29:1-2, Psalm 95:6)
 - a. Moses' encounter with God. (Exodus 3:1-6)
 - Moses was standing in the presence of a Holy God.
 - God required Moses to remove his sandals, in order to teach him how to come before His presence.
 - Moses was to come before the presence of God with humility and reverence.
3. True Worship comes from a sincere heart of a believer.
4. True Worship is the believer's response toward God with a sincere heart of love and gratitude.
5. True Worship is the believer's response toward God with a heart of humility and not in a prideful or arrogance manner.
6. True Worship is the believer's response toward God with a heart to seek and please Him.
7. True worship is the believer's response toward loving God and loving others.

- **How can a person show love and reverence for God while having hatred and unforgiveness in his heart toward a person? Apostle John tells us that this answer this question directly. (1 John 4:7-21)**
- **How can you truly say I worship God and reverence Him, while carrying around a heart full of hate and unforgiveness? (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:14, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 18:21-22, Mark 11:25, Proverbs 17:9)**
- **Have you already forgotten that God forgave you? (Psalm 103:12, 1 John 1:9, Daniel 9:9, Isaiah 43:25, Psalm 130:3-4, Ephesians 1:7-8, Colossians 1:13-14)**