

**Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness,  
tremble before Him, all the earth! - Psalm 96:9**

Worship points **to God the Father, through Christ the Son, in the Holy Spirit...** Elements include: preparation of mind & heart in private worship before public worship... proclaiming God's grace & truth from His revealed Word, the Bible... perceiving the Word as doers not hearers only... praising God in songs & hymns... prayers of thanksgiving & confession & petitions of His providence for the perfecting of His purposes in your life... participating in unity of the saints & fellowship & empowering of the Holy Spirit... putting on the armor of God and the new self created in the image of Christ... partaking in the ordinances of Communion and Baptism... presenting tithes, offerings, gifts, including time, talents, & treasures... presenting ourselves to be 24/7- as His redeemed people, His disciples & ambassadors... personifying the love of God through love for one another, for the glory of God, in Jesus' name...

**worship with SINCERITY**

**John 4:24** - God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth.

- BOTH: heart & head; emotions & mind; vitality & content, according to God's Word, & by His Spirit, not the 'strange fire' of our culture or own creativity (i.e. the sons of Aaron - Leviticus 10:1-3)

**Matthew 15:8-9** - "These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.

*They worship Me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."*

- God looks at the heart; any expression of worship is in vain if our heart is not in it. And we are not driven by emotions, but by truth. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, so even when we don't "feel" like it, we worship God, in obedience, drawing near to Him in faith, in response to His Word.

**1 Chronicles 13:8** - David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.

**Acts 24:14** - I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything written in the Scriptures.

**Luke 4:8** - "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'

- PRAYER: Lord God, help us to worship you with all of our heart, soul, mind, will, and strength, according to all that you have revealed in your written Word about Yourself and worship of You!

**worship with EXCELLENCE**

**Psalm 33:3** - Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**1 Chronicles 15:22** - Kenaniah the head Levite was in charge of the singing; that was his responsibility because he was skillful at it.

**1 Chronicles 25:6-7** - All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the LORD, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king. Along with their relatives - all of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD - they numbered 288.

**1 Corinthians 14:12,33,40** - Strive to excel in building up the church... for God is not a God of confusion but of peace... all things should be done decently and in order.

**Colossians 3:23** - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men.

**2 Corinthians 8:7; 9:7** - As you excel in everything - in faith, speech, knowledge, in all earnestness, in love... see that you excel in this act of grace also... for God loves a cheerful giver.

- Doing the best we can with the resources we have, to help others focus on the Lord w/o distraction
- PRAYER: Jesus, help us as worshipers to always be growing and doing our very best for Your glory!

**worship with LIBERTY**

**2 Corinthians 3:17** - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**Philippians 3:3** - we worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus

- While God looks at the heart, and we can worship Him without any outward expressions or sounds, the Scriptures are full of ways to appropriately express our praise to Him. Not forced or mechanical, but Spirit-led and heart-felt - genuine worship in all of its Biblical forms.

- Emotions should be expressed, not restrained. In our worship, we want people to sense the freedom to express their love for the Lord. Most of all, the joy of the Lord should be seen on our faces, heard in our voices, and displayed in our actions!

*SPEAK* - **Psalm 71:8** - My mouth is filled with Your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

*SING* - **Psalm 47:6** - Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*SHOUT* - **Psalm 100:1** - Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

*LIFT* - **Psalm 63:4** - I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.

**CLAP - Psalm 47:1** - Clap Your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.  
**INSTRUMENTS - Psalm 150:3-5** - Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.  
**STAND - Psalm 135:1-2** - Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; praise HIM, O servants of the LORD, You who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!  
**DANCE - Ps 149:2-3** - Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and harp.  
**KNEEL/BOW - Ps 95:6** - Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker

- **PRAYER:** Lord God, as we worship You, help us to experience joy, reverence, tenderness, and humility, and to express these emotions to You in Biblically appropriate ways!

## worship with **CONSECRATION**

- Psalm 24:3-4** - Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.  
**Romans 12:1** - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship... be transformed...  
**1 Peter 2:5** - you like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... to proclaim His excellencies  
**Hebrews 12:28** - let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe  
**2 Corinthians 7:1** - Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body & spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God  
**1 Timothy 4:12** - set the believers an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, purity... devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching...  
**Ephesians 5:18** - be filled with the Spirit..giving thanks always & for everything in the name of Christ  
**James 5:16** - confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.  
**1 Corinthians 11:28** - let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread & drink of the cup  
**Matthew 28:18** - make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..teaching them..all I have commanded
- A holy life is the goal and discipline of every true worshiper. On Monday through Saturday, our thoughts, words, and actions must be consistent with the worship we offer the Lord on Sundays.
  - Prayer time is essential! We must continually confess and repent our sins, acknowledge our dependence on God, seek His face, ask for His power, trust and obey, by the indwelling Holy Spirit.
  - **PRAYER:** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (**Psalm 139:23-24**).

## worship with **UNITY**

- 1 Timothy 2:1** - supplication, prayers, intercession, & thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful & quiet life, godly & dignified  
**Romans 15:5-6** - May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another...  
**John 17:21** - that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You.  
**Colossians 3:14** - Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms & hymns & spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him  
**Hebrews 10:25** - stir up one another..not neglecting to meet together..but encouraging one another
- We are intent on one purpose: to glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our individual interests, preferences and ambitions must never interfere with the unity of spirit God desires to see among His people. We must all be striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 2 Chronicles 5:13-14** - 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.
- **PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we long to experience such unity that Your glory will come and fill our place of worship, and so that everyone present will stand in awe and wonder of Almighty God!

United by mutual commitment to serve our Lord Jesus Christ w. the guidance of the Holy Spirit in obedience to God's Word