

HOW WORSHIPING WITH OTHERS CHANGES ME

How God Meets Our Deepest Needs – Part 4

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

"Worship is expressing our love and gratitude to God for who he is, what he's done, what he's said, and what he's promised to do."

Mark 12:29-30 (NLT) (Jesus) *"The most important commandment is this: And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."*

WHY DO WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE TO GOD?

1. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE WE WERE MADE TO BE LOVED BY GOD.

1 John 4:19 (NCV) *"We love because God first loved us!"*

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT) *"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."*

2. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE EVERYTHING COMES FROM GOD.

1 Chronicles 29:14: (NCV) (David) *"These things did not really come from me and my people. Everything comes from you; we have given you back what you gave us."*

3. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND LIFE THROUGH WORSHIP.

Psalms 73:16-17 (NCV) (David) *"I tried to understand all this, but it was too hard for me to see 17until I went to the Temple of God. Then I understood what will happen."*

4. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE GOD STRENGTHENS US THROUGH WORSHIP.

Psalm 18:28-32 (CEV) *"You, Lord, keep my lamp burning and turn darkness to light. You help me defeat the enemies of my life, Your way Lord is perfect and your word is correct. You are a shield for those who run to you for help... You give me strength and you guide me right."*

WHAT KIND OF WORSHIP DOES GOD LOVE? WHOLE HEARTED WORSHIP

2 Chronicles 31:21 (NLT) *"In all that he did in the service of the Temple of God and in his efforts to follow God's laws and commands, Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful."*

• GOD HATES INSINCERE, HEARTLESS WORSHIP

Isaiah 29:13 (NLT) *"These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote."*

John 4:23 (NIV) (Jesus) *"True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That's the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."*

HOW TO WORSHIP AND TELL GOD THAT I LOVE HIM.

1. BY LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD.

Deuteronomy 31:12 (NCV) *"Gather all the people together: men, women, children, and immigrants living in your towns ... so everyone can listen and learn to respect the Lord and carefully obey everything in his Word."*

Psalm 85:8 (NLT) *"I listen carefully to what God, my Lord, is saying for he speaks peace to his people and his faithful ones."*

John 13:17 (NIV) (Jesus) *"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do"*

them."

2. BY SINGING TO HIM WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

Psalm 32:11 (MSG) *"Celebrate God! Sing together everyone! All of you with honest hearts; all of you raise the roof!"*

3. BY TALKING TO GOD TOGETHER IN PRAYER.

Acts 1:14 (NIV) *"They all joined together constantly in prayer."*

Romans 1:12 (NCV) *"We must help each other with the faith we have, and your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."*

4. BY RECOCMMITTING MY LIFE TO GOD.

Romans 12:1 (NCV) *"Because of God's great mercy to you, offer your lives as living sacrifices to Him, dedicated to serving him in a holy and pleasing way. This is your spiritual act of worship."*

5. BY GIVING BACK SOME OF WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (TLB) *"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you've earned during the week, and give it back as your offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn."*

6. BY BEING BAPTIZED TO PUBLICLY DECLARE MY FAITH.

Romans 6:3 (MSG) *"When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind, and when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace."*

Colossians 2:12 (MSG) *"Going under the water was a burial of your old life and coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead just like he did Christ."*

Ephesians 2:22 (NIV) *"In Christ's Body, you are being built together to become a dwelling place in which God lives by his Spirit."*