

Prioritize God's Presence (Prioritize Worship Over Serving.)

When I worship, I sing and pray and confess with my words about God's Greatness and God's Glory - Psalm 86:8-10 (KJV)

Worship is how I place myself in proximity to God's Presence - Psalm 100:2 (AMPC)

It is very easy to lose sight of that purpose. If I worship as just another religious duty, I have missed a key element of what worship is all about.

When I worship, I must maintain the understanding that I am coming into God's Presence.

I don't worship to get something from Him or impress Him with how spiritual I am. I worship so that I can be with Him, listen to His words, humbly receive His instruction and correction, and be changed.

Making the most of God's Presence should always be your priority in Worship.

To gain an understanding of Prioritizing God's Presence. Let us look at the story of Mary and Martha found in **Luke 10:38-42**.

Contrast Between Martha and Mary and How they Responded to the Presence of Jesus.

- Martha believes that if you want to be close to God, you should be as busy as you can be in doing God's work.
- Mary believes that if you want to be close to God, you should simply sit at His feet.
 - Every time Mary is mentioned in the New Testament, she is sitting at Jesus' feet.

- She is at His feet after her brother, Lazarus, has died - John 11:32.
- She is at His feet in worship - John 12:2-3.
- She is at His feet in this story – Luke 10:39
- Like Mary, you and I need more than a formal Bible study with Jesus. We need to hear from the Living Word Himself.
- Do you desire to be in God's presence to gain information or to deepen your relationship with Him?

Complains about too much worship - Luke 10:40

Whenever what you are doing for Jesus gets you upset with Jesus, then you have missed Jesus.

Prioritizing God's Presence is what is necessary - Luke 10:40-42

- Being in God's presence should always be the priority.
- David was not called a man after God's own heart because he lived a perfect life, but because he was always pursuing the presence of God.
 - **Psalm 27:4**
 - **Psalm 42:1**
 - **Psalm 63:1-8**
 - a) I Seek for You – _____
 - b) I Thirst for You – _____
 - c) I Long for You – _____
 - d) I Look for on You – _____
 - e) I Praise You – _____
 - f) I Bless You – _____
 - g) I Lift My Hands in Your Name – _____
 - h) I am Satisfied by You – _____
 - i) I Remember You – _____
 - j) I Meditate on You – _____
 - k) I Rejoice in You – _____
 - l) I Follow Hard after You – _____