

OUR WORSHIP

OUR COMMUNION

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ISAIAH 54:1-8

WORSHIP IS WHAT WE GIVE MORE THAN WHAT WE GET

Exodus 34:14 *You must worship no other gods, but only the LORD, for he is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you.*

Worship is a human soul bowing down before the Lord our God in adoration and reflection of Him alone, privately and publicly!

1 Chronicles 16:29 *Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- Worship is giving God **glory and enjoying** being with Him
- Worship is our response to God's **sacrifice and love** for us
- Worship is **giving back** to God because **He first** gave to us

In our life, **WHAT** we do, and **WHO** we do it for, matters!

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Mark 12:29-30 *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

1. Worship is **intelligent** – love Him *with all your mind*
2. Worship is **passionate** – love Him *with all your heart and all your soul*
3. Worship is **practical** – love Him *with all your strength*

Colossians 3:23 *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.*

JESUS IS THE FOCUS OF OUR WORSHIP

Hebrews 1:1-4 *Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. **But now in these final days he has spoken to us through his Son.** God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance and through the Son he made the universe and everything in it. The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command. After he died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven.*

THE DESCRIPTORS OF JESUS CHRIST IN HEBREWS 1:1-4:

- 1. Defender of all (1:2)**
- 2. Creator of all the Universe (1:2)**
- 3. Radiance of God's Glory (1:3)**
- 4. God, Three in One (1:3)**
- 5. Sustainer and Giver of Life Eternal (1:3)**
- 6. Redeemer and Forgiver of all of our Sins (1:3)**
- 7. Resurrection who is seated at the Right Hand of Majesty (1:3-4)**

THE SONGS OF WORSHIP THROUGH THE NIGHT

Psalm 77:1-6 I cried out to God with my voice-- to God with my voice; And He gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. (Selah) You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, and my spirit makes diligent search.

THE SONGS OF WORSHIP RELEASES LIFE IN AND THROUGH US

*Isaiah 54:1-3 Sing, O childless woman! Break forth into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, even though you never gave birth to a child. For the woman who could bear no children now **has more than all the other women**, says the LORD, **enlarge your house; build an addition; spread out your home!***

Worship is the human activity that will ignite and release God's life and power among His people.

THE SONGS OF WORSHIP HEALS US FROM OUR FEAR AND SHAME

Isaiah 54:4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

Worship CHANGES everything!

OUR LORD REDEEMS US

*Isaiah 54:5-8 For your Maker is your husband, The **LORD** of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the **Holy One** of Israel; He is called **the God of the whole earth**...For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will take you back. In a moment of anger I turned my face away for a little while. But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the **LORD**, your Redeemer.*

GREATER THAN ALL OTHER NAMES IS THE LORD OUR GOD

1 Chronicles 16:25-29 *Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. O nations of the world, recognize the Lord, recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor.*

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Bread

Matthew 26:26-30 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body.

The Cup

Matthew 26:28 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

