

Unlocking the Heart of Worship-Developing a flowing Heart

- The end of worship and prayer is getting God.
 - We place ourselves before Him to receive Him.
 - We go towards God because we want Him.
 - We are here to meet with God.
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- What would it be like to have a strong and courageous heart of worship for the Lord that is free and not locked up?
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- How do we develop a steady flowing heart of worship?

Unlocking the Heart of Worship through the Greatness of God and the Promise of His Presence

Psalm 24-

The King of Glory and His Kingdom

A Psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

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For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the [a]waters.

3

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

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He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.

5

He shall receive blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6

This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. *Selah*

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Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

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Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

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Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

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Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory. Selah

- All worship is response
- The extravagance of the response is proportionate to greatness
- As greatness increases, so does the praise
- Great is the Lord, and Greatly to be praised
- The extravagance of Our offering is directly related to our revelation of His greatness

VS 4-Who is worthy of His Greatness?

- “Who may ascend the Hill of the Lord?” “Who may stand in this Holy Place?”
 - It seems like no one is qualified...
 - Pure hearts, clean hands, those who have not lifted their soul to an idol, and have not made empty promises- the devoted ones.
 - Again-if we are honest, No one is worthy to even be near God

How is it possible then?

- Vs 5 You will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation-
 - God alone makes it possible to stand in His presence!
 - Jesus Himself makes it possible for us to encounter God. “No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6
 - His worth rises quickly when we realize we won’t get God without Him!

SELAH-after we pause to reflect on the fact that we require God himself to be able to be with Him, we can step into what we can do to participate...

Our response to Greatness-WORSHIP

“Lift up your heads oh you gates!” “Be lifted up You everlasting doors!”

- We are the temple of the living God. You are given the control to the gate of your heart. You are the one given the privilege to open yourself up to the Lord.

“And the King of Glory shall come in!”

- Lift up your eyes to where your help comes from and let Him in!
- We have a promise that God will meet us if we willingly open up our hearts to Him.
- Praise of his greatness is a guarantee of His presence

FOCUS on HIS GREATNESS AND RESPOND and the Heart will begin to unlock

GOD'S DESIGN FOR PERPETUAL PRAISE and EVERLASTING PRESENCE

The City of God-Heaven

Revelation Describes a perpetual open gate in the New City of God

Rev. 21:25-It's gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there)

The everlasting nature of these doors-vs 7 shows us that this is the way it has always been and will always be.

Our lack of worship-a locked heart will leave us desolate

Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

Matthew 23:33-39

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! **38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”**

Luke 19:39-44

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden

from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**”

- Unlocked hearts connected to revelation will give praise and making room for experiencing his presence. Do we have experience with CHRIST? Have we responded to the time of our visitation?
- When things feel like they are caving in, there is most likely A lack of worship.

Unlock the Heart of Worship through Faith and Confidence in God.

Confidence in God will strengthen Your Faith.

How do we have confidence in God?

Confidence in God

1. In who He is

- God’s Heart is found in the first commandment
- We can have confidence in the outcome of obedience when we understand God’s willingness to reciprocate everything He demands.
 - Ex. First commandment-God’s response is that He will not having anything before Me-Even His own son
- Looking at the commands of God with the reality that He is committing Himself to the same.
- Vows have reciprocation and expectation
- “Don’t have anything before ME Because I don’t have anything before You.”
- Go to God for another encounter-”i will have something to offer if you give me Yourself”
- God will back up His word

2.What He has done

- Atonement
- Grace - Abundant enablement
- Mercy -
- Our sin is not bigger than Grace-We think it has power
- Breaking guilt and being champions of grace
 - Ex. Isaiah 56
 - The most corrupt
 - Eunich-priests of the idols-males made to be eunich- idol would have the ability to reproduce
 - The law made no room for them.

- One of the only chapters exclusively given to Gentiles
- The Hebrew God saying He loves and making a place of enjoyment for them
- As leaders, it is impossible to oversell this expression-You get to be in the presence of God and Enjoy Him
- GOD PURCHASED ALL OF YOU-Not just the parts you want Him to see. He purchased a Mess that He is all about making right. Will we have confidence in the Love of a Father that is perfect in our maturation.

Unlocking of Heart Worship through Learning to enjoy Him

Enjoying Intimacy with a beautiful God

This is true north

Put this statement in all things

Put language into all these words

Focus on enjoyability-Put enjoyability on as the lense

Why are we doing things that are not enjoyable

Why wasn't it enjoyable-mostly not spiritual

Enjoyability is different than Obedience

- We want to grow the first commandment, prayer, etc through the lens of enjoyment.

Obedience:

- Obedience is the pushing through for the Lord
- Enduring of difficulty

Enjoyment:

- Getting pleasure out of it
- Christian Hedonism-a mentality of a successful culture built around pleasure
- waiting on the Lord-Delayed gratification
- Intimacy, fascination, being lost in God
- “A lover is unhappy if the person they love is too...
- “If God were the object of our love, we would experience infinite happiness without any possibility of it being diminished. We would be filled with joy to witness God’s glory and take comfort and pleasure from all the praise that people and angels give Him. It would be indescribably delightful to know that the one we love is infinitely happy in Himself

and that no enemy can ever shake or disturb His throne. We can be sure that our God is in the heavens and does whatever He pleases.”

Losing ourselves in God

The River of God-Unlocking Worship through Communing with God

Meditating on River of God-

*“The rivers of His pleasures” -Streams of Satisfaction
psalm 36:7-10*

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How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

8

They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,

And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

9

For with You is the fountain of life;

In Your light we see light.

- Give yourself permission to enjoy God-He wants to be enjoyed
- **Drinking in of God**
- His abhorring of sin is because it destroys the place of communing, enjoying, and intimately knowing.

Streams of Water-Wine (Streams of Satisfaction)

John 4:14

“But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give Him will never thirst, but the water that I shall give him will become in Him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 7:37, 38

“If anyone thirsts, let Him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of His heart will flow rivers of living water.”

- Again- this is tied to the first commandment. Loving God is believing in the truth that If we have him, we are need of nothing. The ability Loving others is proportional to the love that we are experiencing and communing with.

Streams of Fire-

Dan. 7:10

A fiery stream issues and came forth from Before Him-

A thousand thousands ministered to Him;

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The [a]court was seated,

And the books were opened.

- Steams of judgment are set to flow.
- His fire is meant to burn away all that hinders and comes against perfect love.

1 Cor. 3:11-15 [11](#)For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12](#)Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, [13](#)each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. [14](#)If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. [15](#)If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

His River is pure

Rev. 22:1

“He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the Throne of God and the Lamb of God.”

- We need a cleansing and refreshing river

His River flows in the Low places

Ezek. 47:1

“Then He brought me back to the Door of the Temple, and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple...The water was flowing from under the right side of the temple...south of the altar.

“The river runs in the lowest place”-(under the door of the threshold)-Humility

- Humble yourself and get low-

Unlocking a heart of devotion and Developing a Flowing Heart Through Singing in the Spirit and Spontaneous Singing

- We are seeking to open up our hearts to the Holy Spirit in an enhanced way.
- Singing spontaneously releases faith and an intensity to encounter the manifest presence

- Praying in the spirit to open up the well of the Spirit

TWO WAYS

Singing with our spirit in tongues (Singing with our prayer language)

Singing with our understanding (Singing with our heart)

1 Cor. 14:14-15

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. **15** What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Singing with our Understanding

Col. 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Eph 5:19

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Why?

- Fighting performance
- We are Ministering to the Lord as a priest
 - Supposed to be singing directly to the Lord, not the room
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- We are telling Him what you LIke about Him-turn it into an ask/conversation-"show me more..."
- To Confronting the lack of a culture of worship in our own heart
- You can't undersell praying in the Spirit
- Not an emotional encounter or indication of the Holy Spirit on you
 - This is an exchange with God as a gateway to enjoying God-cultivating this gift
- Cultivating this relationally with the Lord-working at it
- Enjoyment coming from a growth of commitment to something

When someone is confident in Love-they will do crazy things (Faith)

The Unlocked Heart of Worship carries Prophetic Power

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS HAS POWER

Rev. 19:10-NKJV

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you donot do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Worship that declares Faith in the Son of God changes atosmospheres and makes inroads

Jesus Triumphant Entry-Psalm 24 coming to Life

Matthew 21:6-11

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, [c]and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Hosanna in the highest!”

10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

11 So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

- The faith and belief of the crowd in Lordship of Jesus enabled the corporate cry that moved a city.
- The city began to ask... “Who is this (King of Glory)
- The Unlocked heart of worship will change the atmosphere

Faith and Belief the Lordship of Christ will open the Doors to reach the heart of man.

Cultivating Prophetic Spirit in our Corporate Worship Times

SAUL IS CHANGED BY PROPHETIC MINISTRY-BECAME A NEW PERSON

Samuels Prophetic worship team

5 “After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. **As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying.** 6

The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person...

9 As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying.

- Developing flowing and worshiping hearts will only bring us into increase with God's presence. We will "come down" from the high places to minister and release the heart of God, a prophetic ministry as filled vessels who have met with Him.
- We can have confidence that we have all we need in Jesus the moment we begin to worship and that any moment, He could release His heart through Us.
- Cultivating the prophetic spirit
 - Singing their heart- even our musicians-
- **This is not a word of knowledge ministry**-cultivating anointing by getting oil and releasing the anointing of the Holy Spirit
- Learning to flow in prophetic music and song is essential to establishing enjoyable and unified corporate worship

Embracing Prophetic Music

Why Music? Why the Harp?

The mystery of music is in the being of God.

He created it as the universal language.

It's the greatest form of entertainment in every culture because the Human spirit is musical.

The Throne of God

The saints and angels are experiencing the anointing of the Spirit in music and singing.

New dimensions are experienced with anointed music and preaching

The Room can feel the same thing together in a deep way.

Feeling the same thing together for hours at a time is the invitation

King David

Spent resources (time and money) to cultivate anointed singers and musicians

1 Chr 25:1-3

The Musicians

25 Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals.

2 Kings 3:15

15 But now bring me a musician.”Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

Conclusion:

1. Worth of Jesus

***Leadership Principle**-prophetic people want to feel unique-they are confronted by the lack of confidence in love-they over spiritualize

This is about pastoring

Rev 19-Give me the testimony of Jesus

We are not taking away your longing to be unique

Fire is fragile and powerful

Home Group Discussion Questions:

- Share testimony Of how you have grown in unlocking the flowing heart of worship in your own life
- How have you experienced, enjoying the pleasures of God?
- How does God’s greatness increase the more you understand His sacrifice on the cross.
- Discuss how it takes God to get God.
- Spend time meditating as a group on Psalm 36 7 -10