

# Series: Why We Worship

**Message Title:** The Weapon of Worship (part 2)

**Message & Scripture Highlights:**

Have a few people read the following scriptures:

## **John 4:23**

But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers.

## **2 Chronicles 20:22**

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were destroyed.

## **1 John 3:8**

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

## Discussion Part 1:

Each of you talk about the spiritual enemies you have faced in life. It may have been a life altering sickness, an emotional trauma, a self-destructive belief about yourself, or a paralyzing fear. Besides prayer, did you understand how to apply true worship? Discuss.

## S.Marshall thoughts:

For many modern day believers it may seem like a strange thing to think of Jesus destroying anything. Remember Jesus was quite intolerant of even an unfruitful fig tree. God hates anything that would be weaponized against you: sickness, disease, poverty, pride, lies, and a host of other devilish tactics. Aren't you glad God has weaponized your authentic praise? Use it!

Have someone read:

## **Colossians 2:14-15**

Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of legal demands against us and which were hostile to us. And this certificate He has set aside and completely removed by nailing it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross.

**1 Corinthians 15:54** "Death is swallowed up in victory!"

## Discussion Part 2:

It is important to understand that worship doesn't give us the victory. Christ has given us the victory by His work at the cross, but our worship magnifies and welcomes His victory into our circumstance. As Christ is received by faith to be our Savior, worship is an act of faith exercising His triumph in our life. Talk about how communion is an act of worship celebrating Christ's victory at the cross.

## Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

You worship what is important to you. That sounds logical, but is quite convicting when you consider how easy it is to prioritize unimportant things over time with God. This is why it is critical to be intentional about your worship. *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matt 6:21) Make sure you are aiming past the next 100 years because time goes by quickly and you don't want your life investment lost forever.

## **Life Application:**

Do something to worship God right now. Sing a hymn. Sing a worship song. Pray a prayer that worships God's Name, His character. Have communion. Whatever you do, worship God and expect His presence in your midst, and listen for His voice. God will fight your battles for you. You dedicate yourselves to worship Him ... now.

## **Now Pray The Word:**

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

*"Jesus you discussed true worship with the woman at the well because it was vital to living blessed. Abraham and Isaac worshipped You and immediately they heard God's voice saying that He would bless them and multiply them. Forgive us for participating in vain and fruitless worship. Contenting ourselves with a religious form, but denying Your magnificent power to overcome. We glorify You when we walk in Your victory and triumph. May our lives be living sacrifices that are trophies of Your grace so that the world may know the love and power of God. (Continue to pray specifically for one another's needs ...)*