

A dense forest of evergreen trees, likely pines or firs, fills the frame. The trees are dark green, with some lighter green and yellowish foliage visible in the lower center. A white rectangular frame is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the text "WHY WORSHIP?". The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

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- As it is in Heaven

- **Revelation 4:10-11** - "the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and **by your will they existed and were created.**' "

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- **2 Samuel 6:16** - Then, as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter [David's wife], looked down from the window above and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she felt contempt for him in her heart [because she thought him undignified].

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- **2 Samuel 6:20** - Then David returned to bless his household. But [his wife] Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How glorious and distinguished was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself and stripped [off his kingly robes] in the eyes of his servants' maids like one of the riffraff who shamelessly uncovers himself!"

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- **2 Samuel 6:22** - "David replied to Michal, "In God's presence I'll dance all I want! He chose me over your father and the rest of our family and made me prince over God's people, over Israel. Oh yes, I'll dance to God's glory—more recklessly even than this. And as far as I'm concerned ... I'll gladly look like a fool."



Worship is not a performance

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"God gets some of his richest praise amidst dying groans, and he gets delightful music from his people's triumphant cries...to praise God, to give him the highest praise when we are in the deepest Waters...this is acceptable with him. The best worship comes from the Christian that is most tried, at least in this case, when the soul is most bowed down with trouble - if he can say I will praise him, I will praise him in the fire...it reaches the Majesty on high and God smiles and accepts it..."

It's not your architecture, not your music, not your costumes...or your form but your hearts prostrate, your souls with unveiled faces worshiping the mysterious, the Unseen but everywhere present Great I Am...this is worship."

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- **Hebrews 13:15** – “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, **the fruit of our lips**, giving thanks to His name”

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- **Isaiah 6:1-5** – “I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. **“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips** and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

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A.W. Tozer

“No human force or direction can work the mysteries of God...if there is no wonder, no experience of mystery our efforts to worship will be futile. If God can be completely understood by our human means then I cannot worship Him. I will never bend my knee and say holy, holy, holy to that which I can figure out in my own mind. That which I can explain will never take me to a place of awe, wonder and astonishment. ”

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- **Ephesians 5:32** - "**This is a great mystery**, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."

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 - So Christ has now become the High Priest...He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven. With his own blood, he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time. And so, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, **let us go right into the presence of God.**

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- **Hebrews 1:1-2** - Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things

A misty forest of tall evergreen trees, likely pines or firs, with a soft, hazy atmosphere. The trees are densely packed and extend into the distance, where they fade into the mist. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green, from deep forest greens to pale, misty greens. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text 'WHY WORSHIP?' in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and vertically within the box. The background image is a high-quality photograph of a forest, possibly taken from an elevated position, looking down and across a valley filled with trees.

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