



# out of the darkness

*Isaiah 9:2*

January 23rd, 2022— “Lifestyle of Worship”

## LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

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The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. **Isaiah 9:2**

“Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually.” ~ **John Wesley**

✦ Our highest calling as believers is living a life that portrays Praise, Worship, and Thanksgiving to our God.

**PRAISE:** *To boast, to rave, to commend, to speak well of, to laud. To glorify and exalt, especially in song or writing. To bless, celebrate, cry up, extol, and magnify.*

**WORSHIP:** *To prostrate before, to revere, to adore, to minister to.*

**THANKSGIVING:** *To extend the hands, to express gratitude, to acknowledge.*

“Worship isn't simply an event or a place—it's an orientation. It's a way of life. It's the result of our decision to exalt God above everything else.” ~ **A.W. Tozer**

James 4:7-8, Proverbs 27:19

**How does God see each person?** a. gender, b. race, c. heart, d. career, e. political party.

**1 Samuel 16:7** People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

✦ Worship should be the alpha and omega of our prayer life.

✦ Worship is the key to unlocking the power we need to overcome all circumstances.

### 1. God created music.

“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.”  
~ **Johann Sebastian Bach**

**1 Timothy 2:8, Psalms 63:3-5**

✦ God uses music to move people spiritually to bring their focus back on Him.

“I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a Big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on.” ~ **John Ortberg**

\*all verses taken from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.