

Prayer & Opening

Psalm 105:1 & 4 (NLT)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.

⁴ Search for the Lord and for his strength;
continually seek him.

What is Worship? “Give God the glory due.”

Psalm 96:7-8

⁷ O nations of the world, recognize the Lord;
recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.

⁸ Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!

Is 43:21

²¹ I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world.

Review:

By Christ we are

- created to worship,
- redeemed to worship, and
- called *to worship Christ*
 - *now, in every part of life &*
 - *forever more - Glory to God!*

Worship ≠ singing
Worship = life offered to God

Background to our Worship

We are Created by and For Christ:

Col 1:16b (NLT)

¹⁶ Everything was created through him and for him.

Is 43:7 (NLT)

⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God,
for I have made them for my glory.
It was I who created them.' ”

We are Redeemed by Christ's blood:

Col 1:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Revelation 5:9 (NLT)

⁹ “And they sang a new song, saying:
‘Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.’”

We are Created To Know God:

Jn 17:3 (NLT)

³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

We are Created to Proclaim God's Excellencies:

Ps 96:3 (NLT)

³ Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

2 Co 5:20–21 (NLT)

²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,* so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Worship Is a Life Offered to God:

Many say... - Worship is just a time of singing... or
- I just want to know what the will of the Lord is...

Ro 12:1–2 (NLT)

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Titus 2:12–15a (NLT) - moral and ethical fruits

¹² And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, ¹³ while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. ¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

¹⁵ You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them.

Worship Will Fill Eternity

Re 5:11–14 (NLT)

¹¹ Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus:

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing.”*

¹³ And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

*“Blessing and honor and glory and power
belong to the one sitting on the throne
and to the Lamb forever and ever.”*

¹⁴ And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

We are Created to Worship God Now

Since this is what we’ll be doing forever, how should that shape the way we live and worship this week? What one change can you name now? Is it something to confess and repent or a habit to include?

1 Jn 3:2–3 (NLT)

² Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. ³ And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

Php 4:4–5 (NLT)

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

Psalm 96:1-3

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

² Sing to the Lord; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

³ Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Review.

What is Worship? "Give God the glory due."

Now what?

For those who have been purchased by Christ giving His own life in place of ours - a sacrifice that we could never pay...

- 1.) Does the joy of your salvation come to mind when you're going through difficulties?
- 2.) Are you moved to pray when your heart is heavy so you can continue to think about the goodness of God and scriptures that cause us to want to draw near to Him?
- 3.) What difficulty, testing, and trial are family, friends, and neighbors and even yourself going through that you can give to God or give again to Him that you've been carrying?
- 4.) Have you practiced rejoicing in all things? Our deepest need has been met. Because of the sacrifice, death, and raising of Christ - He has brought us to The Father in good standing. We can say one day to God our Heavenly Father, I'm here only because Jesus on that middle cross said I can be here.

Prayer & Closing Verse

Ro 11:36

36 For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

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