

"Worship: A Response to Knowing"

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“Worship is the proper response of all moral, sentient (able to perceive or feel things) beings to God, ascribing all honor and worth to their Creator-God precisely because he is worthy, delightfully so. This side of the fall, human worship of God properly responds to the redemptive provisions that God has graciously made. While all true worship is God-centered, Christian worship is no less Christ-centered. Empowered by the Spirit and in line with the stipulations of the new covenant, it manifests itself in all our living, finding it’s impulse in the gospel, which restores our relationship with our Redeemer-God and therefore also with our fellow image bearers, our co-worshippers. Such worship therefore manifests itself in both adoration and in action, both in the individual believer and in corporate worship, which is worship offered up in the context of the body of believers.”

- **D.A. Carson**

1 Chronicles 16:29 | *“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness, tremble before him all the earth.”*

Psalms 95: 6-7 | *“Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”*

Psalms 100:2 | *“Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs!”*

Psalms 98:4 | *“Shout to the Lord, all the earth! Break forth in praise and sing for joy! Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, your King!”*

Deuteronomy 12:1-10 | *“These are the statutes and the rules you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations served their gods. You shall tear down their alters, and dash in pieces their pillars. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. For you shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you*

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shall bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithe and your contributions, your vow offerings, your free will offering, and the firstborn of your flocks. And there you shall eat before the Lord your God and shall rejoice, you and your household, in all that you undertake in which the Lord has blessed you. You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today; everyone doing what is right in his own eyes. But you are to go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord is giving you to inherit."

"If we want to know the characteristic sins of the age, we can guess it's foolish and fashionable assumptions ~ that morality is simply a matter of personal taste, that all silences need to be filled up with human chatter or background music, that 760 percent of the American people are victims, that it's better to feel than think, that rights are more important than responsibilities, that even for children the right to choose supersedes all other rights, that real liberty can be enjoyed without virtue, that self-reproach is for fogies (old fashioned, out of touch individuals), that God is a chum or even a gopher whose job is to make us rich or happy or religiously excited, that it is more satisfying to be envied than respected, that is it better for politicians and preachers to be cheerful than truthful, that Christian worship fails unless it's fun." - Cornelius Plantinga @ 1995

"There are two ways to be fooled: One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." - Soren Kierkegaard

"Nothing in the entire physical, created world can give rest, peace, identity, meaning, purpose, or lasting contentment to your awe-craving heart. Looking to stuff to satisfy this internal desire is an act in personal spiritual futility. It just doesn't work. You would have as much success as you would if you were trying to bail water out of a boat with a strainer. The things of this world just weren't designed to do what you are asking them to do. We have a problem much bigger and deeper than a stuff problem; we have an awe problem." - Paul David Tripp

"You will never know the fullness of Christ until you taste the emptiness of everything else" - Charles Spurgeon

"When we see with our spiritual eyes, we see the truth and value and beauty of Jesus for who they really are. The physical eye is meant to say to the spiritual eye, 'not this, but the maker of this is the desire of your soul.'" - John Piper

Practical ways to see true awesome and prepare for corporate gatherings:

1) Read God's word.

"Take steps to remove or keep yourself from whatever is keeping you from the Bible." -
David Mathis

2) Have daily interaction with the Lord through prayer.

3) Pay attention to the many ways God meets you with favor and grace each day.

"Something very deep and mysterious, very holy and sacred, is taking place in our lives right where we are, and the more attentive we become, the more we will see and hear it." -
Henry Nouwen

4) Guard your heart from things that can dull your affections.

"There are far better anthems for our lives than frivolous songs that cater to the flesh, dull the spirit, or dig up tarnished memories and old regrets. There are courageous celestial anthems to learn ~ hymns that carry us from strength to strength, from faith to faith and from grace to grace. Brave songs that shore up the heart for life's battles. And not just any tune or lyric. The song must possess enough spiritual muscle to barge into my soul and shake awake a hopeful response. It must be a hymn whose lyrics raise me onto a different plane spiritually; it must summon in me the emotional wherewithal to remember my station in life so that I can rise above my circumstances. A well crafted song, filled with truths about life and God has the power to do that. It grinds biblical truth into our souls, like a pestle grinding powder in a crucible." - **Joni Eareckson Tada**

5) Make the Sunday morning gathering a non-negotiable

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Resources:

"Songs of Suffering" - Joni Eareckson Tada'

"Practicing Thankfulness" - Sam Crabtree

"Seeing and Savoring Jesus" - John Piper

"Awe" - Paul David Tripp