

Closer - Part 4: Traditional Worship

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(Luke 19:37-40 NLT) “When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!””

Worship is love expressed

Todah - To lift hands in adoration (Psalm 50:23)

Tehillah - Exuberant singing (Psalm 34:1)

Yadah - To give thanks with extended hands (Psalm 138:1)

Shabach - To give thanks in a loud tone; to shout (Psalm 63:3-4)

Barak - To kneel or bow in thanksgiving (Psalm 103:1)

Halel - To rave; to boast; to celebrate (Psalm 35:18)

Zamar - Make music to God with strings (Psalm 92:1)

(Psalm 100:4 NKJV) “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving (**todah**), and into His courts with praise (**tehillah**). Be thankful (**barak**) to him, and bless (**yadah**) His name.”

(Psalm 100:4) “Enter into His gates with (**lifted hands in adoration**), and into His courts with (**exuberant singing**). (**Bow in thanksgiving**) to Him, and (**give thanks with extended hands**) to His name.”

Worship costs us something

(Mark 14:3-5 NKJV) “And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply.”

Worship seeks the praise of God

(Mark 14:6-9 NKJV) “But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.””

“Worship flows from gratitude, gratitude comes from miracles, miracles happen because of obedience.”

-Pastor Robert Morris