

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



April 14, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Armor of God #2

We are more than conquerors in Christ. Today we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God. We put on the breastplate of righteousness. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Ephesians 6:10-18; Romans 3:22



III. "Lessons From the Beginnings  
of the Church of Ephesus II"  
Pastor Gary Barber

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Acts 19:1-7 (NIV)

❖ Three dimensions of a believer's relationship with the Holy Spirit: with (para), in (en), upon (epi).

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. I Corinthians 12:7-11 (NKJV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. II Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

#### ❖ Paul's Effective ministry in Ephesus

This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. Acts 19:10-12 (NIV)

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Mark 16:19, 20 (NASB)

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Acts 19:17 (NIV)

- ❖ The fear (awe, terror, deep respect) of the Lord –  
Luke 1:12, 2:9, 5:26, 7:16, 8:37; Acts 2:43, 5:11, 9:31

Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. Acts 19:18-20 (NIV)

So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. Acts 19:20 (NASB)

#### ❖ Ministry Time

- Have you had a distinct life changing encounter with the Holy Spirit?
- Do you need to disattach from something hindering your spiritual development?
- Do you need a miracle from God today?

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

##### **Stewardship Principle #1**

The tithe belongs to the Lord. We give God the first and the best of our income.

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”  
Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

“Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.”  
Proverbs 3:9, 10 (TLB)

**4Ways to Give:**

1. Online at [www.theoaksweb.com](http://www.theoaksweb.com) or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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Text us to let us know that you are here today or with any prayer request that you have: 661-241-3408