



The Psalm of the People – Our Corporate Expression

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1. What is Worship?

- Worship is a **POSTURE** of the heart.
- We worship whatever we **Value** and love above all else.

— **Matthew 6:21**

— **Mark 12:30-31**

Worship is a heart connection to the person and character of God. It is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done, expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live. (Louie Giglio)

— **John 4:23**

2. Why We Worship Together?

— **Psalm 95:1-2**

- The Bible contains **400** references to singing.
- Songs give us **LANGUAGE** to express our hearts to the Lord.

— **Psalm 63:2-5**

*“Worship is a response to a revelation that will grow or shrink in direct proportion to our view of Him. It is only as we breathe in more of the wonders of God that we can breathe out a fuller response to Him. Worship is always a response. **The revelation of God is the fuel for the fire of our worship.**” (Matt Redman)*

3. Why We “Praise”

- To **GLORIFY** or **EXALT**.
- We are commanded to *praise* occurs more than **330** times in the bible.
- We are directed to **REJOICE** in the Lord is mentioned **288** times.
- Biblical praise is often **LINKED** to instrumental and vocal music.

— **Psalm 150:3-5**

— **Psalm 89:15**

“Praise: to applaud, to declare by acclamation, to shout or applause, to glorify openly or in public. (Merriam Webster)

Seven Reasons to Worship Together

(Excerpts from “A Lifestyle of Worship” & “Called To Radical Devotion” by David Morris)

I will declare Your name to my brothers; In the congregation, I will praise You.

Ps 22:22

1. To “Minister” To The Lord

— Celebrating and seeking the Lord is our primary Goal.

2. To Experience The Authentic Presence Of God.

— We are absolutely depended upon the manifest presence of God.

3. To Edify, Encourage, And Instruct

— Ps 89:1-2, I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth, I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

4. Repentance And Transformation

— Worship softens and redirects our hearts toward God.

5. Release The Prophetic Flow Of The Holy Spirit

— *Psalm 68:11 The Lord announced the word and great was the company of those who proclaimed it.*

6. Warfare

— Psalm 149:6-9 May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double edge sword be in their hands, to inflict vengeance....

— Psalm 68:32-35 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing to the Lord. To Him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice. Proclaim the power of God.

"Nothing threatens hell more than believers who gather, know their God, understand their authority in Christ, and proclaim His truths." D. Morris

7. Evangelism

— Ps 145:10-12 All you have made will praise You, O Lord. They will tell of the Glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might so that *ALL men may know* of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Reflect and Discuss

1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today? How will you respond?
2. What is the POSTURE of your heart toward God?
3. What is your favorite way to express your worship to the Lord?

Next Week

Psalms of the Heart – Joshua and Marga Johnson