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Title: What Would I Do If I Was David, pt.-3

Purp.: Provoke people to embrace and practice the why, how, when, and where we worship God.

Truth for Today: The Bible teaches us the why, how, when, and where we worship God. May we put these principles into practice.

Topic: David, Worship

Text: Revelation 5: 11-14

Series title: What Would I Do If...

Series purp.: Provoke people to follow God's will, God's Word and the Holy Spirit above all else

What Would I Do If I Was David, pt.-3

- I. Introduction sad news: turkey season is over. Pic Good news, somehow 3 ended up in my freezer. Pic
- A. Review series: "What Would I Do If...I Was David." P. Travis David's sin and repentance. Excellent job! App David was known as a man after God's heart, i.e. who will do all my will; He will do everything I want him to do, Acts 13:22. Today we'll continue learning from David the worshipper, #3. He gives us more insight into worship than any Biblical character. Last time David taught us to worship God (1) by the way we live, (2) by Biblical expressions of praise and worship. Today we'll learn why we worship, how we approach God in worship, and when and where we worship
- II. Why do we worship God? Why should I sing, clap our hand, raise our hands, kneel in church?
- A. #1 We worship God primarily because He is God and is worthy of honor, reverence and adoration. John's vision of Jesus in heaven, [Rev. 5:11-14 (NLT)]...I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne...¹² And **they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy (Def. *deserving*) is the Lamb who was (ESV slain, Jesus on the cross)...(ALT) We should praise him because of his great power, wealth, wisdom, and strength. He should receive great honor."⁴ ¹³...every creature in heaven and on earth...sang...And the twenty-four elders **fell down and worshiped** the Lamb.] Angels, heavenly beings and people worship God with singing and bowing.**
1. Jesus deserves our worship because He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin and restore our relationship with God. If He never does another good thing for us, this is the reason we worship Him because He deserves it.
- B. #2 We worship to express our gratitude for God's goodness. [Psalm 139:14 (NCV) I **praise you** because **you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.** Psalm 9:14 (NCV) I will **praise you**...because **you saved** (def. delivered and rescued) **me.** Psalm 119:171 (NLT) Let **praise** flow from my lips, (MSG) after all, **you've taught me the truth about life!** E.g., (1) drive up to our house and see we escaped violent weather, (2) Hunter text, all soybeans are up, and we got some rain. I'd been praying for the family farm, so I worshipped and said, "Thank you Lord!", to express my gratitude. Has God been good to you? Then express your gratitude by thanksgiving in worship.
- C. #3 We worship God because the Biblical authors command us to worship Him.
1. 2 examples, [Psalm 30:4 (ESV) **Sing praises** to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. Psalm 134:2 (NIV) **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.**] E.g. Speak the truth, love your neighbor, forgive

2. David gave us these commands about worship. Our expressions of worship aren't based on feelings or tradition. Let's ask ourselves; Do I obey the Biblical commands about how to express my worship? If not, why not? E.g. Adak, lift hands, AG
- D. #4 We worship God because worship is a door into the Presence of God, i.e. we come near to God when we worship, and He comes near to us.
1. [Ps 89:15 (NLT)] Happy are those who hear the **joyful call to worship**, for they will walk in the light of **your presence...** [Psalm 16:11 (ESV)] You make known to me the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy** (NCV **being with you will fill me with joy**)... [I feel closer to God when I worship than any time.
 2. I may begin worship with anxiety, worry and depression. After worship (time in His Presence), I have joy, peace and hope. When we worship, we pour out our heart to God and feel better because genuine worship brings me closer to God.
- III. How do we approach God in worship?
- A. [Psalm 15:1–2 (NLT)] **Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence** on your holy hill? ² Those who lead **blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth** from sincere hearts] Why is the way we live so important? It's because He is a Holy God. Christians have been made righteous by Jesus' blood and can always come near to God because of Jesus; it's imputed righteousness, not earned. But sin still effects our worship. What if we've not lived blameless lives and have sinned? Before worship we cleanse our heart by confessing our sin to God and asking Him to cleanse our heart. // wash dirty hands before we eat.
 - B. E.g., David's adultery with Bathsheba and killed Uriah, [Psalm 51 (NLT)] Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love...² Wash me clean from my **guilt**...¹⁰ Create in me a **clean heart**, O God...¹⁴ **Forgive me**...O God...**then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.** (ESV)...and **my mouth will declare your praise.**]
 1. Don't come to church and start singing or start praying in your daily devotion. Search your heart, check your conscience and ask the HS is there any sin between us and God. If so, confess it, receive God's forgiveness and then worship.
- IV. Conclusion: When and where do we worship?
- A. [Psalm 113:3 (ESV)] **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!** (MSG) From east to west, **from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to GOD!**] We still work, enjoy hobbies but worship is a way of life.
 1. We worship anywhere and anytime, e.g. (1) we worship at church. [Psalm 132:7 (NLT)] **Let us go to the sanctuary of the Lord; let us worship** at the footstool of his throne.] (Don't just watch others worship in church), but (2) private worship is equally important. **Thank you/ gratitude**: turkey hunting, mealtime, car, or home.
- V. Response Souls: The #1 reason we worship God is because He loves us and has provided a way for our sins to be forgiven so we can have a relationship with Him now and in heaven. Problem must deal with, sin; Solution; Decision
- A. Song
- VI. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.

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VII. Supplemental material

- A. Psalm 48:9 (NIV) Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.
- B. Fear Psalm 96:7–9 (NCV) Praise the Lord, all nations on earth; praise the Lord's glory and power. ⁸ Praise the glory of the Lord's name. Bring an offering and come into his Temple courtyards. ⁹ Worship the Lord because **he is holy. Tremble before him, everyone on earth.**
- C. Psalm 138:2 (NLT) I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.
- D. Psalm 22:29 (NIV) All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who **go down to the dust will kneel before him**— those who **cannot keep themselves alive.**
- E. Psalm 5:7 (NCV) **Because of your great love**, I can come into your Temple. Because **I fear and respect** you, I can **worship** in your holy Temple.
- F. Psalm 29:2 (NIV) Ascribe to the Lord the **glory due his name; worship** the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- G. Proverbs 28:13 (NLT) People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.
- H. Remember, we worship by (1) The way we live and, (2) By Biblical expressions of praise and worship expressing our gratitude, reverence, honor and adoration.
- I. **Where do we worship?** Assemble with other Christians and at home
 1. We worship God whenever believers gather in His name, e.g., church
 2. Psalm 5:7 (NCV) Because of your great love, I can come into your Temple. Because I fear and respect you, **I can worship in your holy Temple.** Psalm 132:7 (NLT) **Let us go to the sanctuary of the Lord; let us worship** at the footstool of his throne.
 3. We worship God when we're by ourselves, any and everywhere. (1) by the way we live, (2) by Biblical expressions of praise and worship offering gratitude, reverence, honor and adoration to God.