

# Growing as Worshipers: Restoring Wonder to Worship



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## Acts 13:1-3

*<sup>1</sup> Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*



## **Definition of Wonder:**

To be filled with admiration,  
amazement, or awe; marvel



## Genesis 4:1-5

*<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.*



## Genesis 4:1-5

***<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.***

*And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.*



## *Isaiah 58:3-5*

*3 Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,*

*and oppress all your workers.*

*4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.*

*Fasting like yours this day*

*will not make your voice to be heard on high.*



## *Isaiah 58:3-5*

*5 Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?  
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?  
Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the Lord?*



*Isaiah 58:6-7*

*6 “Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?”*



*Isaiah 58:6-7*

*7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?*



## *Matthew 15:1-3*

*<sup>1</sup> Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, <sup>2</sup> “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”*

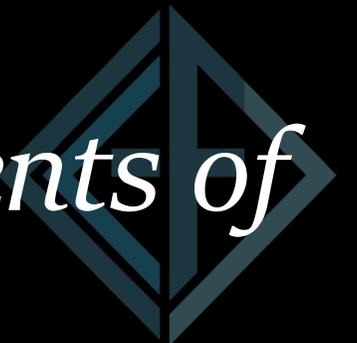


*Matthew 15:1-3*

*7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:*

*8 “This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;*

*9 in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of  
men.”*



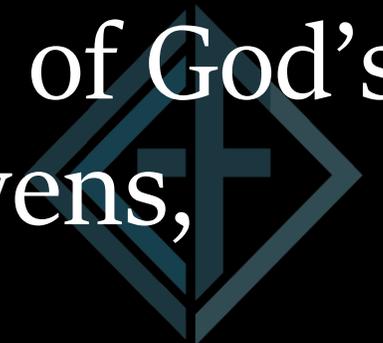
## Ron Owens, Return to Worship

“The psalmist said in Psalm 104, “O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty” (v. 1). The apostle Paul instructed the believers to think on whatever was noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8, paraphrased). The Puritans used to say, “Think greatly of the greatness of God.”



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“I think this is one of the roots of the problem we are facing in our worship. We don’t know our God. The measure in which we know God is the measure in which we will be able to worship Him. And the means by which we get to know God is through His Word. In Scripture we have the revelation of God’s nature – His acts and His ways.” – Ron Owens, Return to Worship, pg. 9



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Scripture.**



## Isaiah 6:1-8

*<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”*



## Isaiah 6:1-8

*<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”*



## Isaiah 6:1-8

*<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

*<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”*



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- 3. Restore wonder to worship by experiencing God**



“The church once lived on the dangerous but exciting edge of miracle; today the church has both feet planted firmly on the ground and doesn’t dare to venture out where the bushes are burning.”

- Warren W. Wiersbe, *Real Worship*, pg. 44



*Acts 2:43*

*And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*



*Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)*

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