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Personal Worship





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1 Chronicles 29:11

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.”



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For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.



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Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.



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1 Thessalonians 1:9–10

⁹ ...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven...



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Daniel 4:34–37

³⁴ “At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever...

³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”



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6. **Biblical worship is a way of life** (Romans 12:1)



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Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



Gathered Worship





Gathered Worship

- 1. Gathered worship is defined by God (Psalm 145:18)**



Gathered Worship

Psalm 145:8

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.



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John 4:24

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



Gathered Worship

- **We read God's word publicly (1 Timothy 4:13)**



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1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.



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- We read God's word publicly (1 Timothy 4:13)
- **We teach and learn God's word (2 Timothy 4:2)**



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2 Timothy 4:2

...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.



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- **We baptize new believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit (Matthew 28:19)**



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Acts 2:38

“Repent and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ...”



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- **We take communion together** (1 Corinthians 11:26)



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1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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- **We publicly testify about God's work (Psalm 35:18)**



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Psalm 35:18

I will thank you in the great congregation;
in the mighty throng I will praise you.



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- **We encourage each other using every spiritual gift (1 Peter 4:10)**



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1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.



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- **We praise God and encourage each other through singing (Eph 5:18–19)**



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Ephesians 5:18–19

¹⁸ ...be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...



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2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



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- **We seek God in thankful prayer (Colossians 4:2)**



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Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.



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2. **Gathered worship is shaped by the gospel (Colossians 3:16)**



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Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



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1 Corinthians 14:26

Let all things be done for building up.



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4. **Gathered worship is essential for us (Hebrews 10:24–25)**



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Hebrews 10:24–25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.