

A dense forest of tall evergreen trees, possibly pines or firs, with a white rectangular frame overlaid in the center. The text "WHY WORSHIP?" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the frame. The background is a soft-focus forest scene with a misty or hazy atmosphere.

WHY **WORSHIP?**

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. The trees are tall and closely packed, creating a textured canopy. The lighting is soft, highlighting the various shades of green. In the center of the image, the words "Whole Worship" are written in a white, serif font.

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“How can a heart that loves God not pour out worship to him?”

Worship should be an overflow of our love and gratitude to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sanctify— to dedicate or consecrate, to set apart for a purpose.

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

God wants all of us.

Charlie Brown

“Being in love is like wetting your pants with a dark suit on, you have a warm feeling but no one knows it.”

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Oswald Chambers

“Have I ever been carried away to do something for God? Not because it was my duty, nor because it was useful, nor because it was anything at all beyond the fact that I loved him. Have I ever realized that I can bring things of value to him? Not divine colloidal things which could be recorded as marvelous, but ordinary simple human things which would give evidence to God that I am abandoned to him.”

Tim Challies

“The chief end to man is to glorify and enjoy God forever.”

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4 Parts of Whole Worship

Our Hearts

When scripture speaks of the heart it means the essence of who we are or the center of our being. What makes us tick or what motivates us.

Jeremiah 29:13

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Max Lucado

“He gives us more than we request by going deeper than we ask. He wants not only your whole heart; he want your heart whole.”

Our Souls

The soul is made up of our mind, will, and emotions.

Nephesh— (Greek) means life

To love God with our whole soul means to love him with our lives.

Graham Kendrick

"Worship is first and foremost for God's benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving him pleasure, We can ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most whole experience in life."

Our Minds

One of the things we need to be mindful of is the tendency to separate the content of Christianity from the emotional experience of it.

Theology— the knowledge of God

In order for our worship to be heighten we must deepen our theology.

John 5:39-40

You search the scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

Our Strength

We are to worship God both in our bodies and with our bodies.

Might— physical strength, power to do or accomplish, a capacity to do

Strength— the quality or state of being strong, influence, number

Don McMinn

”Our entire being is fashioned as an instrument of praise. Just as a master violin maker designs an instrument to produce pleasing expressions of praise and worship. When we use body language to express praise, that which is internal becomes visible.”

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