

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 forest, likely a pine forest, with the word "Dancing" overlaid in a white serif font. The forest is composed of many tall, thin trees with dark green foliage. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting a shaded or overcast day. The word "Dancing" is centered horizontally and vertically in the image.

Dancing

Psalms 137:1-6

Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. We put away our harps, hanging them on the branches of poplar trees. For our captors demanded a song from us. Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn: “Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!” But how can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a pagan land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget how to play the harp. May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I fail to remember you, if I don’t make Jerusalem my greatest joy.

The Bible Teaches

- Kneeling signifies penance or humility.
- Bowing is an act of honor and submission.
- Jumping and dancing expresses joy.

C.S. Lewis

“The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance.”

Exodus 15:20

Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

Rejoice

Rejoice— giyl to spin around, to dance in a circle, to jump or whirl.

Psalm 32:11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Rejoice

Rejoice= suws to exult, to display great joy in dance.

Psalm 35:9 Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation.

Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Rejoice

Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Agalliao compound word

Agan= means much

Hallomai= means to leap or dance, to spring up. Like water gushing up.

What Happened to Dance

- Dark ages
- The Reformation-1500's
- The Puritans-1700's
- The Shakers-late 1700's to early 1800's
- Azusa St. revival– Early 1900's
- 1960's Charismatic Movement

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Ecclesiastes 3:4

A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

2 Samuel 6:14

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Acts 3:6-8

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Charles Spurgeon

“We often underestimate the joy God has in his people, and too often think God is annoyed or irritated with us. Faulty as the church is, the Lord rejoices in her. While we mourn, as well we may, yet we do not sorrow as those that are without hope; for God does not sorrow, his heart is glad, and he is said to rejoice with joy—a highly emphatic expression.”

Psalm 150:1-4

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbres and dancing.

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