

## MORE: Worshipping

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### WORSHIPPING: Glorifying & Enjoying God

Worship is a lifestyle that permeates every aspect of our lives. Worship is seen in how we manage our money, how we run our businesses, how we parent our kids, how we respond to people, and how we manage our dreams and ambitions. The heart of worship is a heart that seeks God's presence and enjoys God for who He is and all that He has done for us.

we have made worship about PREFERENCE instead of PRAISE

**Worship: To set my affections and ambitions on the Lord**

#### 1. Worship in the natural creates ripples in the Supernatural (Jn 4:23-24)

*Truth* is accuracy about who God is; *Spirit* is encounter with who God is

#### 2. Worship is Warfare over your Welfare

(2 Ch 20:1-30 cf. vv. 3, 14-15, 20-22. See also: Isa 30:31-32; Acts 16:25,26; Matt 4:10-11; 1 Pet 5:8; Eph 5:18-19)

- Worship moves us from intimidated to intimidating
- When we worship we ambush Satan with Song
- the enemies of God are thrown into confusion by the songs of God's people.

#### 3. Worship is about Presence and moves us from singing to seeing

(2 Chr 15:13-14; Pss 100:4 95:2; 22:3)

God is not moved into our realm, we are moved into the awareness of His.

Worship:

1. Makes us more aware of His presence
2. Amplifies His presence to make us more aware of His glory

Four meaningful quotes about worship:

- "I believe truly that Satan cannot endure it and so slips out of the room" (Amy Carmichael)
- "We know that to the devil praise is distasteful and insufferable." (Martin Luther)
- "[The devil] does his best to keep a church from being a singing church. And he does his best to keep you from being a singing person." (John Piper)
- "Any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven" (A.W. Tozer)

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you define worship? (Try collaborating to come up with a your-group definition of worship!)
2. What's your favorite worship song, and why? (perhaps pick your current favorite we do at Grace Chapel, and your favorite of all time!)
3. If (musical) worship is not about preference but praise, how do we overcome the way preference affects our worship?
4. What would it look like to engage worship on a Sunday with all that you are? How would that look different from how you currently engage worship?

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