

Worship in a War-torn World!

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Opening a short series on Worship! Because worshipping God is how we're going to make it thru this war-torn world! Yielding to God and His ways will be the only way to navigate thru and save as many people as possible!

John 4.22 “What you lay-down-before in worship you know little of... The Samaritans, much like modern church goers, had a very limited understanding and approach to God! They didn't understand “relationship!” They didn't get “lifestyle” v. “event!” Didn't get the dynamic of progressive transformation/revelation of God!

“We know what we worship...” Jesus... is standing as our spokesman! Graciously condescending to include men of low estate/understanding... He is centering us for the future... And defining for us a new destination... **“We know Who we worship for salvation is of Him, thru us!”**

“But the time comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth... for the Father seeks people like that to worship Him!” Our Father wants us to be: in touch, transforming, drawing nearer, more real, fully centered, Christ patterned *worshippers!*

Acts 17.22-28 “I perceive that in God things you are too religiously superstitious because I passed by your altars and found this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**, whom you *ignorantly worship* – Him I declare to you, the One who created everything and gives life to everything and *has made it possible that men who seek Him would find Him, though He is close by everyone of us because we are His children!*

When it comes to Worship... We hold it as one of the three base tenets of our life together...
Worship! Fellowship! Stewardship!

Going to look at three aspects of Worship... The Sounds! The Model! The Invitation!

Looking at “The Sounds” but not looking at the OT mechanics: The “Halal” (of Hallelujah!) shouts, rave! Shiyr: strolling minstrel! (movement) Chadash: fresh song/from heart! Tehillah: Lauding (testimony praise)! Samach: gleeful, bright worship! Giyl/Machowl: spinning/swaying under influence! Zamar: adding percussions (beating on the seats or whatever!)

Not looking at the NT differences between: Psalms: Non-lyrical words/phrases! Hymns: songs that others have written! Spiritual songs: “I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” **1Cor 14.15** Melodies that rise from your heart!

All worthy of study... and all have been done and packaged for you! When it comes to what most people think of when the topic is Worship... Want to talk about relevant, intimate, great presence of mind in, our musical moments together!

From the Beginning... We begin our service times with a countdown... Anyone been to a concert? A prize fight? A hero's speech? *Ed Sullivan archive?* What happens when the Star(s) comes out? The reality of our “start” is that though the Holy Spirit comes in with us... We have an appointment with “Dad!” Present and excited about it!

We sing a flexible number of songs... All of them containing revealing truth about our Father/ Savior/ Spirit! If we are limited in our approach... We/He... far away/not interactive... Line after line gets away w/o response! *"Why do we have to sing so many?"* But if we "realize our great salvation..." If we get our open relationship... Going to be a powerful response! Can't "say it/sing it/shout it" enough!

"I saw the Lord sitting on His Throne, high and lifted up and His glory filled the temple. The Seraphim's were there and they cried to one another, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is filled with His glory!" **Isaiah 6.1-3** "And before the Throne I saw four beasts who rest not day and night saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come!' and the twenty four elders present fell down before Him that sat on the Throne and worshipped... "Him that lives forever and they cast their crowns before Him saying, 'You are worthy, Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, *for you have created all things and for Your pleasure they are and were created!*'" **Revelation 4.8-11**

Extended, repetitious, Worship is not a new concept!

We turn it up loud enough to block out distractions... to force attention... Always going to have people on both edges: hard of hearing/sensitive to noise. If you move around the auditorium you will find a place that works for you

We choose new songs that push us! Have to keep breaking up fallow ground! *I can still sing songs from the 60's and just now discover the words!* And repeating "top twenty" song plays didn't bother us then!

As we progress... We shed distractions! For some that takes time... Can do a twenty minute, one time thru set, but can be over before "dawning!" We call it soaking!

We dial into His presence with us! The One we are singing about! HERE! Put Him in a chair right here on stage!

Then we dial into the proclamations of truth, words of praiseworthiness... BOOM!

(Demonstration) Spirit Break Out!

Our father, ALL OF HEAVEN ROARS YOUR NAME

Sing louder, LET THIS PLACE ERUPT WITH PRAISE

Can you hear it, the sound of heaven touching earth

The sound of heaven touching earth

Spirit break out, break our walls down, Spirit break out, HEAVEN COME DOWN

King Jesus, YOU'RE THE NAME WE'RE LIFTING HIGH

Your glory, SHAKING UP THE EARTH AND SKIES

Revival, we want to see your kingdom here

We want to see your kingdom here

And as we apply ourselves to that "this is You, this is me" process... things break loose!

Your Goal... Offload your distractions ASAP! We all come in with clutter! Some of it comes once we get here! Wrestle with encroaching thoughts! "Throw down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring into captivity every thought to obedience to Christ!" **2Cor10.5**

Practice His presence in praise... Set His throne on stage, stand Him next to you, and look at Him in every phrase! Until He becomes so real that you are overcome!

Leave everything you have “on the floor!” “Brought it all...” and “took nothing back out with me!”

The *wise men* came to worship... and when they saw Him they *fell down and worshipped* and presented Him gifts...