

CORE – Life Changing Worship
Why We Worship the Way we Do
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Life-Changing Worship: We are empowered and changed by the presence of God through a lifestyle of worship.

Why We Worship the Way We Do

- ✓ Because God asked for it.

*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 him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD. Psalm 150:1-6 (NIV)*

- ✓ Because praise is my purpose.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

- ✓ Because worship changes everything

I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. Psalm 18:3 (NLT)

But when the people come in through the north gateway to worship the LORD during the religious festivals, they must leave by the south gateway. And those who entered through the south gateway must leave by the north gateway. They must never leave by the same gateway they came in, but must always use the opposite gateway. Ezekiel 46:9 (NLT)

How We Worship... In Spirit and in Truth

But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. John 4:23 (NLT)

1. Worship based on choice not feeling.

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV)

2. Worship with everything I have.

“No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” 2 Samuel 24:24 (NIV)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30 (NIV)

3. Worship expecting God to respond.

Come close to God and God will come close to you. James 5:8 (NLT)

Worship God’s Way

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” Luke 19:37-40 (NIV)

Halel – to rave, boast, celebrate.

Yadah – to acknowledge in public.

Barak – to bless by kneeling or bowing.

Zamar – making music to God with strings.

Shabach – to address in a loud tone, to shout.

Towdah – to lift hands in adoration.

Tehilah – exuberant singing.