

Why Worship?

June 8th, 2025



DAY 1: THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

READING: ROMANS 12:1-2, PSALM 95:1-7

Worship is more than just singing on Sundays; it's a lifestyle of devotion to God. As we read in Romans 12:1, we are called to present our bodies as "living sacrifices" to God. This means our entire lives should be an act of worship.

Today, reflect on how you can make your daily activities - your work, your relationships, your thoughts - an offering to God. Consider how you can align your life more closely with God's will, transforming your mind to discern what is good, acceptable, and perfect in His sight. As Psalm 95 reminds us, let's come before God with thanksgiving, recognizing His greatness and our position as the sheep of His pasture. How can you cultivate an attitude of joyful praise throughout your day?

DAY 2: THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

READING: 2 CHRONICLES 5:11-14, EXODUS 33:14-16

The account in 2 Chronicles describes a powerful manifestation of God's presence during worship. When the people praised God in unity, His glory filled the temple. While we may not always experience such dramatic encounters, God's presence is always with us. Moses understood the critical importance of God's presence, insisting he wouldn't move forward without it. Today, pause and acknowledge God's presence in your life. How aware are you of His nearness throughout your day?

Ask God to increase your sensitivity to His presence. Consider how you might create space in your life for more intentional encounters with God, both in personal devotion and corporate worship. Remember, as believers, we are now the temple of the Holy Spirit. How might this truth change the way you approach your daily life?

DAY 3: EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE

READING: PSALM 134:2, PSALM 63:1-8, LAMENTATIONS 3:40-41

Our scripture readings today highlight various physical expressions of worship, particularly the lifting of hands. This gesture symbolizes surrender, gratitude, and a reaching out to God. For some, outward expressions of worship may feel uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Today, challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone in your private worship time. If you've never raised your hands in praise, try it. If you typically stand still while singing, try moving your body.

Remember, these actions are not about performance, but about expressing our love and devotion to God with our whole being. Reflect on Psalm 63, where David expresses a deep thirst for God. How can you cultivate that kind of passionate desire for God's presence in your life?

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DAY 4: WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE

READING: COLOSSIANS 3:15-17, 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Today's passages remind us that worship extends far beyond our singing or church attendance. We are called to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to be thankful, and to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. Reflect on your daily routines and interactions. How can you infuse them with an attitude of worship? Perhaps it's by practicing gratitude more consistently, or by consciously dedicating your work tasks to God.

The instruction to "pray without ceasing" invites us into an ongoing conversation with God throughout our day. Challenge yourself today to turn your thoughts to God more frequently, offering quick prayers of thanks or requests for guidance. How might this practice transform your perspective and your interactions with others?

DAY 5: TRUE WORSHIP VS. IDOLATRY

READING: ISAIAH 44:9-20, 1 JOHN 5:20-21

The passage from Isaiah vividly illustrates the futility of idol worship, while John's letter reminds us to guard ourselves from idols. In our modern context, idols may not be wooden statues, but they can be anything we prioritize above God - success, relationships, material possessions, or even our own desires.

Today, take time for honest self-examination. What competes for your ultimate allegiance? What do you find yourself thinking about most often? Where do you turn for comfort or validation? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any idols in your life. Confess these to God and recommit yourself to worshiping Him alone. Remember, true fulfillment and purpose are found only in relationship with the true God. How can you reorient your life to reflect this truth?