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Preface

Now that many of us are worshipping from our homes using various types of technology, worship has become genuinely personal. Let's look at the conversation Jesus had with the Samaritan woman about worship.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4: 21, 23-24).

While pondering the above, think about your time of worship. It must be in the Spirit and according to the written Word for God to get the glory, and for us to experience a refreshing. One might say, "My worship is okay." This book will reveal situations to worship that you had not considered.

One might ask why we need a book on worshipping— glad you asked. *Protocol Of The True Worshipper* is vital in developing a biblical understanding of worship. It is a refresher to those in a complacent state of worship. This book invokes believers to grow to a new level of worship while gaining spiritual insight on the importance of creative worship.

Worship is an expression of reverence and adoration for who God is and is set apart only for Him. The worshippers must love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Expressive worship doesn't mean that it must be loud, nor does it indicate any particular physical posture. One may bow low or prostrate oneself as a show of humility. It reveals what's in our hearts. It is something we express and must submit totally to God and align with His will.

In other words, worship is to magnify the Lord rather than oneself. Biblical worship should result in Godhonoring actions. When we worship from our hearts, our efforts will reflect the love of God to others.

I Timothy chapter 3 verse 15 "…that thou may know how thou ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God the pillow and ground of the truth."

The Mind-Set of a Worshipper

Our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God, enjoy His handiwork, lead others to Christ, and prepare to spend eternity with Him. My prayer is that this book helps you understand how to maximize your reason for being created.

When we enter our place of worship, it should be with thanksgiving in our hearts. To do this, we must start before we head out the door for service. Our attitude must be about magnifying the Lord and experiencing His presence with the rest of the congregation.

The Night before Church .....

Choose your outfit the night before. If you are having breakfast, make sure you have everything ready for the meal, so you are not rushed and aggravated in the morning. You must also leave time to take care of the unknown.

Preparation is Key to Worship .....

If not prepared, we rush around on Sunday morning, frustrating ourselves and others to the point that the church service is not enjoyable. When we finally get to the building, we spend more time reflecting on the preparation and never getting ready mentally for the service. Our children pick up on our spirit of indifference as well and create an environment of rebellion.

2 Timothy 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. .

Pray before the Service .....

Pray for your Pastors – They have a tremendous task and need all of us in our assigned places. The participation of the congregation is not only necessary but needful during the worship service. The Spirit in the church can be affected by the spirit of the people and experienced by visitors.

We must take the time to pray for our Pastors and the service so that God can use the congregation in a way that the visitors are spiritually convicted and become members of the body of Christ.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Praising and Worshipping God

When you hear the words praise and worship, do you connect them as synonymous? If you answered, “yes,” you are not alone. Let’s take a look at the two. Praise to God— a feeling of gratitude or relief that something did or didn’t happen. Worship— an expression of reverence and adoration for who God is and reserved for Him only.

Most of today’s church services begin with worship. What takes place is a combination of praise and later the worship. The congregation will engage in songs of praise first. We use this time to give God thanks and acknowledge the great things He has done in our lives or others’. As the atmosphere changes and the congregation is connecting, worship will take place. We should reflect on who God is and humble ourselves before Him.

Quite often, praise and worship are considered expressions only during church services. On the contrary, they should be an integral part of our daily lives. We find in Revelation 4:8-11ESV, God is worshipped in heaven without ceasing, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” Their expressions are so fitting for us today. He created us for this reason.

The Bible consists of many songs dedicated to the Lord, as well as guidelines, reasons, and examples of worship. As we praise and worship, we must always remember our focus should be on Jesus. With or without music we worship our awesome Heavenly Father. The goal of worship is not to inspire a natural feeling, but fill the spirit realm with praise.

Christian worship should result in God-honoring actions. When we worship from our hearts, our efforts will reflect God’s love according to his Word for our lives and others.

Worship includes both a personal and communal aspect of life. We read that the first church worshipped and ate together. “And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the

people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47ESV).

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV).

These believers praised God both personally and together on a regular basis. When we look at society as a whole, would you say the body of believers must increase their personal and cooperate worship?

Scriptures Related to Worship

The scriptures are from the ESV.

A Call to Worship .....

Psalms 8:1, O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalms 29:2, Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. **Psalms 95:6,** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
Psalms 99:5, Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

John 4:21-24, Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Reasons for Worship .....

Deuteronomy 12:5-7, "But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you."

Philippians 2:9-11, "Therefore God has highly exalted him [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

James 4:8, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you…"

Revelation 5:9, "And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,"

Revelation 4:11, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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Examples of Worship .....

As you read the examples below, you will notice that individual and cooperate worship took place. The worship was carried out in the obvious and not so obvious presence of God.

Exodus 33:9-10, "Then Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door."

Psalm 100:4, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" **Exodus 34:8,** "And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped."

Matthew 28:9, "And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him."

Matthew 28:17, "And when they saw him they worshiped him,"

Romans 12: 1-2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."
Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Hebrews 5:7, "In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him form death, and was heard because of his reverence."

A Call to Worship God in Spirit .....

Isaiah 27:13, "…And shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

John 4:23-24, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 1:17, "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."
John 12:20, "Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast."
Romans 8:4, "…do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."
I Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

I Corinthians 14:25, "…and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."

Galatians 5:25, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."
Philippians 3:3, "…who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

Miriam and David's Worship Songs

The scriptures are from the ESV.

Exodus 15:20-21, "Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. And Miriam sang to them:" "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

Psalms 59:16, "But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress."

Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."
Psalms 66:4, "All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Psalms 150, "Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Ways to Worship the Lord

Worship should be a specific time in our day that we set aside to spend with the Lord. It should also be a lifestyle. When our heart is receptive to God's plan, daily worshipping Him will become our way of life.

It is essential to connect with our Creator in various ways to maximize our time in His presence. As you read the list below, feel free to arrange it to fit your style of worship.

The scriptures are from the NRSV.

Worship through Music .....

So often, we equate worship with music. But it isn't the same thing; music is an avenue of worship; it can direct our hearts to the Lord. When King David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem, he and all Israel played music before God with all their strength. They played horns, trumpets, cymbals, string instruments, and harps. (I Chronicles 13:8; 15:28). There are more than 100 verses in Psalms that refer to singing and music.

My favorite musical instrument is the saxophone. There's something about the sound that ushers in the spirit of worship immediately. Now consider your favorite musical instrument and take a moment and visualize the effects it has on your devotion. Music has a way of charging the atmosphere that reaches the depths of our soul, assisting our expressions and response to God and the body of Christ.

Worship through Prayer .....

Praying the Scriptures back to the Author is a powerful way to worship. Start with praying the Psalms. But even if you don't pray the Scriptures, at least pray! God delights to hear our prayers.

Psalm 66:19-20 tells us, "…He has attended to the voice of my prayer. … who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!" He delights in answering us and in blessing His children. So let's make our Heavenly Father's heart happy when we pray.

Worship through Praise and Thanksgiving .....

There are more than 250 verses in Scripture that speak of praise – almost 150 in Psalms alone! To help one understand the importance of praise, take a look at Psalms 146 – 150. Different instruments are part of the scriptures. Praise means merely telling God how great He is. These scriptures reflect His love, His forgiveness, His patience, His creation, and His gifts — anything and everything.

Thanksgiving is similar. Instead of praising Him for who He is, we praise Him for what He has done for us. Do you have good health? Thank Him! Are you living in a comfortable house? Thank Him! Have food for your next meal? Thank Him! "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Giving thanks is God's will concerning us, so let's remember to do it from the depths of our souls.

Worship through Confession of Sin .....

Sin breaks the heart of God. He weeps to see His children making wrong choices just as any loving parent. But He has made a way of redemption. If you are a child of God, all you need to do is acknowledge that you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and commit to not doing it again.

It doesn't mean you won't sin again – but that you are seriously committed to trying with the help of the Holy Spirit not to.

I John 1:8-9, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." King David, a man

after God's own heart, sinned and repented, and we must do the same regardless of your position in the body of Christ or in society.

Psalm 51:1-4, "Have mercy upon me, O God According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned."

Worship through the Word .....

As you will notice, there is a section in the book covering scriptures related to worship. It includes a call to worship, examples of worship, and even songs of worship. They are to enlighten our understanding of the importance of God's Word as a part of our worship.

Spending time in the Word every day is a way of worship. God gave us His Word and wants us to love and apply it. Let's look at some verses in the Psalms. "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. I hate the double-minded, But I love Your Law. Your Word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it. I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure. Seven times a day, I praise You Because of Your righteous judgments. Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble." (Psalm 119:97, 113, 140, 162, 164,165).

Psalm 119 is a beautiful tribute to the Word. Verse 165 tells us that we will have great peace because of God's Word and that peace in His Word will keep us from stumbling. If you want to develop a love relationship for the Word, you must invest the time needed to search the scriptures. We may have to rework our daily routine, including our family schedule, to have time to do this. The Word will show us how to accomplish this without disrupting the family structure. How loving is that?

Worship through Listening .....

If music, prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and confession are us speaking to God, then sitting in silence is one way He speaks to us. Listen to God and expect Him to talk to you through His Word. One of the functions of the Holy Ghost is to lead and guide us into all truth. As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. We must listen for directions from the Holy Ghost. Also, remember that we have not gone this way in life before. While living in the Spirit and reading the Bible and other biblically -inspired books, this will provide excellent opportunities for our spiritual growth.

Have you considered *"Impacting the World through the WORD, 68 Inspirational Promises of God for this Generation?" By H.R. Rogers?*

Worship through Giving .....

Give of your time, talents, and finances. Give because God has given so much to you. Give because He loves you and you love Him. Just give! "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38).

II Corinthians 9:7, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." Let us not consider financial giving only. As mentioned earlier, our time and abilities are also essential and needed to spread the gospel and for upkeep of our physical place of worship.

Worship through Serving .....

Serve in the community, your local place of worship, and your family. Serve because Jesus came as a Servant. "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also, If anyone serve Me, him My Father will honor." (Matthew 20:28— John 12:26). One way to help others is to make ourselves available or be appointed by another.

My Experiences of Serving .....

Being chosen by another has been a part of my life since my early teens. I was appointed to go for our family when only one of us could. My Father chose me to travel in and out of our state to represent the family for different events, including weddings, conferences, funerals, or other situations. When I reflect on those days, it's clear why it had to be me. My Father wanted me to be a missionary, and that was his way of preparing me for the call.

Since entering adulthood, I have served the community, church, and family for 40- plus years. My services included inspirational and financial support for college students living in and out of my home, serving on boards of organizations and various departments in the local assembly, regional, state and international, and professional organizations.

Serving my immediate family came from a direction I never expected. In the late '70s, my younger sister, a widow at the age of 26, and her three-year-old daughter came to live with me. I was not excited about my new housemates. However, our parents taught us to help each other, so I welcomed them into my life. We went from my one-bedroom apartment to a three-bedroom townhouse to purchasing of our own home. Fourteen months later, this sister remarried, and then I found myself adjusting to having a male added to the family.

From the early '80s to the present, students and nonstudents shared my life and home as my way of serving others. In the early '90s, my older sister became a part of my life, and our personalities were like oil and water. Nevertheless, we have learned to share the same space for 28- plus years in love. To God be the glory for teaching both of us to seek Him and allow Him to guide us as we humbly follow His plan for our lives.

Some people are born to serve as outlined in *The Prayer of Jabez,* and *You Were Born For This* by Bruce Wilkinson. Each of us should desire to expand our service. We must ask Jesus in prayer to give us the boldness to step out of our comfort zones. Praying, reading scriptures on how to build

our faith is a must. Faith must be active in our lives to help us genuinely expand our borders.

Worship through Nature .....

Worship God's creative power while taking a walk on a nature trail or spending time outside. Did you hear the blue jay overhead, singing a sweet melody? Oh! Look, there's a cardinal in the redwood?

Stop! Look at the log over there to your right, see the earthworm trying to escape being captured by the robin. Check out the stones and the lillypads in the stream, reflecting an impressive arrangement of God's creative beauty.

As you continue your walk, praise God for the deer and the fawn as they enjoy the foliage across the way. Remember the oxygen we breathe, the sun shining through the trees, and the blue skies are for our pleasure. Let's give our Creator all the glory!

Worship during Small Assignments of Daily Life

God accepts the small offerings we give Him when given from our hearts. “Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Him and said to them, Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.” (Mark 12:42-44).

So, in the daily activities of life, worship God by being faithful to the small jobs He has given you.

So doing the laundry is not your favorite chore? The praise is that you or someone you love have clothes to wear, and most of us can do the laundry in the comfort of our homes. Dishes! That means you or someone else provided a meal, and you are healthy enough to enjoy it. You say, another day in the office? Working outside the home is an excellent way to share your faith with others while being materially compensated, giving God glory.

Contributing to the Care of Children .....

Psalm 127:3; 128:3, Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is his reward. ….Your children like olive plants All around your table.” Consider the potentials of each child you know, and how each will impact society as a whole in the years ahead. Nevertheless, we nurture them in the ways of the Lord for their productivity to please Him. Remember that Jesus gives life with a plan in place, and He entrusted you to bring His plan for that child’s life to greatness.

Owe No Man Nothing but Love .....

Would you say that paying bills is also considered a chore that deserves praise? Think of it this way: if you have bills, there was a need or desire to invest in the economy, and provisions are available to cover the obligation. That in itself is worth a high praise when you reflect on how many people you know are unable to purchase the necessities of life.

Faithfulness is a Requirement .....

Luke 16:10 — 1 Corinthians 4:2, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; …Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

Faithfulness is a way of life. Hear when God speaks as you are performing your daily duties. Sing worship songs to Him at home while working in your yard and while driving your car. Ask God to show you creative ways to worship Him throughout the day, and end it spending quiet time with Him.

Worship in Other Situations

Hannah's Worshipful Prayer .....

Hannah was the first wife of Elkanah. She couldn't conceive because the Lord had shut up her womb. Here we find her rejoicing while being taunted daily by her husband's fertile second wife. While she prayed at the temple to the Lord, the priest Eli observed her. Then he assured her that God would give her the desires of her heart, and, in time, Hannah conceived a son who would become the prophet Samuel.

1 Samuel 2:1 NRSV , "Hannah prayed and said, My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory."

Hannah is our example of worshipping when all is not well, no matter the situation. God always keeps His promises when we do our part.

David's Grateful Worship.....

2 Samuel 7:21–22 NRSV , "Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness, so that your servant may know it. Therefore you are great, O Lord God; for there is no God beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

It's not only in the Psalms that we get a look at David's reverential spirit. Throughout the books of Samuel and the Chronicles you see David respond in overwhelming worship to God. It springs up despite David's serious sins. God still chose to call him "a man after His own heart."

David's Song of Thankful Worship .....

David wrote a beautiful Psalm of thanksgiving in the middle of I Chronicles. He is so overjoyed that the Ark of the Covenant is back in Jerusalem that he composes the song below. Like much of the worship in the Old Testament, it is a celebration of the things God has done—and is doing. It builds to a climax of songs of praise, of seas roaring, and fields exulting.

I Chronicles 16:31–34 NRSV, "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord is king!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

Nebuchadnezzar's Humble Worship .....

Daniel 4:37 NRSV, "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are truth, and his ways are justice; and he is able to bring low those who walk in pride."

Sometimes God's worship is not easily given by selfcentered hearts. Daniel interpreted the King's dream that spoke of his destruction. If he didn't repent of his pride, he would suffer the humiliation of living in the wild as an animal. God was long-suffering and gave Nebuchadnezzar one year to change his attitude.

The King was stricken at the end of the year, as the Lord promised. He lost his human mind and took on the mind of an animal for seven years. When God restored his senses and kingdom, he learned the value of worshipping God and exercising humility.

Worship in the Psalms

In Times of Trouble .....

Psalm 63:1-11ESV, "O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped."

David wrote this Psalm while fleeing through the wilderness of Judah from his son Absalom. As is typical of David, his worship doesn't ignore the horror of his situation. He worships regardless. Today the *"true worshippers"* will do the same for God's glory.

Worship as Warfare .....

Psalm 68:4–5 NRSV , "Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds— his name is the Lord — be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation."

If you only read verses four and five of this Psalm, it would seem like a beautiful and charming stanza of praise, but it's so much more in context.

Throughout Psalm 68, David reminds us of God's faithfulness. It's an act of worship intended to emphasize that God will always be faithful. God's protection and care that He showed Israel in the past are celebrated as reminders that He will never fail them.

No matter how many enemies David had, he always strengthened himself with a simple two-step process: ~ Reminding himself how God has been faithful in the past.
~ Worshipping God for his past trustworthiness in expectation of deliverance.

As worshippers, in our storms of life, we must reflect on our past and remember how Jesus' compassion was revealed, and His promise kept.

Reminding God of Your Worship .....

Psalm 71: 8 NRSV,"My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day long."

The psalmist is pleading with God to continue to shelter him in his time of trouble. The writer reminds the Lord of his continued worship and encourages God not to prove his attackers right.

Psalm 71:10-11 NRSV, "For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together. They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver."

As is the case with most Psalms of trouble, the author finishes with his resolve to continue to worship regardless.

Psalm 71: 22–24 NRSV, "I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. All day long my tongue will talk of your

righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced."

David's Psalm of Worship .....

Psalm 103:1–5 NRSV, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

This entire Psalm of David is more inspiring than his other writings. The most touching element is how David opens by instructing his spirit to "bless the Lord." He doesn't wait until he feels inspired to praise God; he commands his heart to respond worshipfully to God.

To help inspire himself, David begins to remind himself of God's defining characteristics:
~ His justice (v. 6)
~ His mercy, graciousness, and steadfast love (v. 8)
~ His patience (v. 10) ~ His forgiveness (v. 12)
~ His compassion (v. 13)

By the end of Psalm 103, David has become so inspired that he instructs all of creation to sing God's praises.

Psalm 103:20–22 NRSV, "Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul."

Worship with Instruments .....

~ Praise the Lord!
~ Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

~ Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! ~ Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

~ Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
~ Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with high sounding cymbals!

~ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. ~ Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150).

It's only proper that Israel's hymnal would close with such a beautiful and joyous Psalm. This Psalm of exaltation represents what our church services should be like today. Everyone is gathered in the sanctuary and worshipping Him with musical instruments: lutes, harps, strings, pipes, percussions, trumpets, and sometimes it is all done on the keyboard. They're also worshipping with loud voices.

If that isn't enough, worshippers are encouraged to respond physically in dance and clapping of their hands.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we loved God enough to sing, play the instruments, and dance before Him until we were almost out of breath like King David did in II Samuel 6:14?

Lastly, pay particular attention to things we're instructed to praise the Lord for:

~What He's done — His mighty deeds.
~Who He is — His excellent greatness.
~Worship in the prophets—the Old Testament.

Worshipping God for His Unfolding Plan .....

Isaiah 25:1 NRSV , "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure."

Isaiah is the go-to book to experience the only God that deserves your worship. The book's fortieth chapter records the most inspiring visions of God's splendor. As the prophet with the complete revelation of the coming Messiah, it's no wonder that Isaiah would worship God for the beautiful things He does and the forethought and planning it has taken to realize them.

In Times of Judgment .....

Habakkuk 3:17–18 NRSV , "Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; and the flock is cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation."

Unlike his contemporary Jeremiah, Habakkuk is frustrated that God is not judging Judah for its wickedness. It appears that God is reluctant to judge Judah's sin. God tells Habakkuk that the Chaldeans are being prepared as judges of Judah in His time.

Habakkuk ends his book with a moving prayer that acknowledges God's coming judgment and personal difficulties. His conclusions are a declaration that no matter what happens, he will rejoice and find joy in the Lord. It is not up to us to decide how or when God will execute judgment regarding a situation. We are to do as Habakkuk did — give God all the glory.

Worship in the Gospels

Insincere Worship .....

Matthew 21:8–9 NRSV , “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

As Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, the crowd started worshipping Him. But it isn’t entirely sincere. Many of these voices yelling “hosanna” will be shouting “crucify him” before the end of the week. Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem was part of celebration worship and part nationalistic expectation. It’s vital that our worship is sincere and not driven by crowds or selfserving expectations.

In Spirit and Truth .....

John 4:21–24 NRSV , Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seek such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Jesus has a thought-provoking discussion with a

Samaritan woman in the middle of the hot afternoon at Jacob’s well. She questions Him on whether Jerusalem is where God is to be worshipped. Jesus’ answer is a revelation to her.

A time is coming when the temple will be in the hearts of individuals who have submitted themselves to God’s Messiah. Those people will worship in

spirit and truth. If you are reading this book, what a blessing you are seeking to be a “true worshipper” through the leading of the Holy Ghost.

Worship in The Acts

A Growing Church Movement .....

Acts 2:42–47 , “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

During that time, believers were building a lifestyle of community and worship. Nine principles were established, and are still important today for Church growth.

~ Teaching
~ Relationships
~ Prayers
~ Meal/Communion ~ Wonders and signs ~ Common property ~ Daily meetings
~ Worship

~ Favor among people outside of our circle

Worship in the Epistles

Paul Worships like David .....

Romans 11:33–36, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and His ways past finding out! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?” “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”

In the eleventh chapter of Romans, Paul discusses the salvation of Israel and seems to erupt in worship. Like David, you can see this often in Paul’s writings. Praise seems just beneath the surface of everything Paul writes in this letter waiting to spring forth.

We Will All Worship .....

Romans 14:10–11 , “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.”

There is coming a time when every knee will bow before God. Why not do so now since we were created to give Him glory and honor?

Paul Worships on Behalf of All Generations...

Ephesians 3:14–21, “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded

in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Paul's worship doesn't only evolve from the care or comfort he receives from God. His worship comes from his prayer and concern that everyone would know the depth, breadth, length, and height of God's love for themselves. We hope that our lifestyle would provoke others to desire and become a part of the Kingdom of God through prayer and worship.

Worshiping the God of All Comfort .....

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 , "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." Paul's introduction to his second letter to the church at Corinth starts with a reverential and informative word of praise. He asked the question, "Why does God comfort us in our troubles?" He also gives the answer, which is the responsibility of all believers. It is simple, "so that we may know how to comfort others."

Purifying our Worship .....

James 3:10–12 , "Out of the same mouth proceed blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring can yield both salt water and fresh."

Here we are reminded that sincere worship comes from a pure heart. We shouldn't use our tongues to praise God in Church and then curse the

people He has made in His image when they disagree with us. Think about it, would you say these actions do not represent a "*true worshipper*?" These actions require a renewed heart, starting with repentance.

Worship comes from surrendered hearts. By default, we call the time dedicated to singing songs in church "worship." However, true worship is defined by the importance of God in our daily lives. Paul tells us: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1 NRSV). Worship's floodgates will be open when we yield our hearts to Jesus.

Worship in the Book of Hebrews

Five Reasons to Worship Jesus .....

In this book, the supremacy and the sacrifices of Jesus are established.
~ Hebrews 1:4-14, He is superior to the angels. ~ Hebrews 3:1-6, He is worthy of more glory than Moses.
~ Hebrews 6:13-7:10, He is superior to Abraham. ~ Hebrews 7:11-28, He is superior to every other priest.
~ Hebrews 8:1-13, He establishes a better covenant between God and us.

And finally, according to Hebrews 9:26, Jesus is the last sacrifice that needed to be made for humankind. “He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the age, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Yes, He is the only sacrifice that could take away our sins. Indeed, Jesus is supreme.

According to Matthew 17:9, He is entirely God and full man. We see his humanity demonstrated in his treatment of Peter, James, and John when they were terrified by the Mount of Transfiguration events. Jesus touched them and said, “Do not be afraid!” We also have a high priest who can identify with our weaknesses as it says in Hebrews 4:15. Even today, Jesus speaks to us through the Holy Ghost, letting us know that He truly understands each of our storms. Do not be afraid to get to know Him in His divinity.

Why Worship Jesus — and Not Another?

Why do we worship Jesus and not another, or, for that matter, why do we worship at all? It's a fundamental question. If we can't answer that question, then we have no basis for being a Christian. Fortunately, the answer was revealed on a mountain over 2,000 years ago, and it's still being told today.

The Gospel of Matthew recorded the experience of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. The Bible says: "Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became unbelievable white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While He was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV).

From this one incident, we find that Jesus is the only one that can give us eternal life and provide for us here on earth. We worship Jesus because of His divinity and His supremacy.

You see, Jesus' attributes were revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. It was disclosed by the light that shone through Him and the identity of His position at that time. Today Jesus is in us through His Spirit. In the Bible, light is frequently associated with the manifestation of God's presence.

Exodus 13:21 , "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go

by day and night."

Exodus 14:17, "And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Psalm 27:1-3, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident."

Isaiah 60:19-20, " The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended."
Daniel 2:21-23, "…Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You,"

Matthew 5:14-16 lets us know that now we the New Testament Church is the world's light. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus has plainly said that we are the light of the world and our homes so others may give Him glory. To have good works, one must first receive His Spirit, which is Jesus the light in us. The scriptures tell us that "He will guide you into all truth," that will produce the works revealed by the light.

Why do I Worship Jesus?

I worship Jesus because of His deity and sovereignty. I adore him because He loved me enough to give His life for me, removed my sins and gave me the Holy Ghost. Now, I can live a holy life sharing His love with others, thereby allowing me to spend eternity with Him. He understands me. Philippians 2:6-7 tells us, "For in my own times of uncertainty, He will share His peace that passes all understanding with me." Jesus left the glorious experience on Mount Transfiguration to fulfill His last days on earth despite the pain and agony that awaited Him on Calvary. I must love and worship Him enough to endure times of intimidation while awaiting His return. He is soon to come!

As He ascended after the resurrection, I shall ascend when He descends in the air to ever be with the Lord. Indeed, this is reason enough, "Why I Worship Jesus."

Dear reader, now that you have read to this point, do you merely attend worship services sometimes? I urge you to become a daily worshipper of Jesus. Give him the worship that He is due. Romans 12:1-2, Paul is admonishing the body of believers with the following words.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Echoing Paul's words, I urge you to give your *all* to serving Jesus, who gave His *all* for us!

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists,

but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum,

prosperity, and freedom of worship." **~ Patrick Henry**

Church Culture and Manners

Have you considered the fact that congregants must learn to respect the sanctuary before they can enter into "true worship?" Visualize the assembly you attend while reading the generational changes below.

Generational Changes .....

Church etiquette varies significantly between nations and cultural groups, among whom the Christian Church is established. In Western Culture, would you say church conduct has changed dramatically over the last halfcentury? It has become less formal, including the use of referring to the leaders on first name basis. The dress codes and activities in the sanctuaries will cause some to ask what happened to reverencing "The Place Where God Dwells?"

I Timothy 3:15 "...that thou may know how thou ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God the pillow and ground of the truth."

Well Pleasing Church Protocol .....

Beautiful things come forth through practicing proper church etiquette. The Lord will be reverenced and honored, receiving the glory due to His name. The Word of God will flow gracefully. The congregation will have the opportunity to experience the unhindered ministering of the Holy Spirit. Visitors will be pricked in their hearts to become members of the body of Christ.

The entire body of believers will become more productive for the cause of Christ. How much more motivation does one need to repent of bad manners in services and begin practicing proper church etiquette?

Guidelines —

How to Conduct Ourselves in the “House of God”

• **Come Early:** Rushing into the building at the last minute disrupts the spirit of the service.

• **Departing:** It is improper to leave before the conclusion of service except for tragedies or other assignments. Try to avoid going out during the “call to discipleship.”

• **Seating Order:** Take a place toward the front of the sanctuary. Leave the rear seats for those who will come later and for visitors who wish to sit there.

• **Be devout** : The church building is not a place of amusement. You come to worship God, so you should believe others came for the same purpose. God’s house deserves the utmost respect at all times.

• **Greeting First Timers**: Always remember that strangers are “guests” of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy you would if they should visit your home.

• **Leave Orderly:** Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the building were on fire.

• **Communication Equipment:** With today’s technology, one should exercise restraints when entering the sanctuary. Please turn off cell phones, pagers, and other equipment, and cease all unnecessary conversations as you exit your vehicles, unless you are using them in service. Of course, we will always have those life and death situations; when they arise, handle them quietly.

• **Our Children:** They should stay with the adult assigned to them until it’s time to go to their designated area.

• **Adults and Food:** If you need food for health reasons and it is more than one quick bite, please leave the sanctuary.

• **Special Seating:** Do not automatically take the place of someone who is serving; you don't know if they will be returning.

• **Need a Seat— Ask an Usher.** If one is not available pause and look to both sides. After locating one, use the right or left isle quietly moving to the seat.

• **If You Have an Assignment,** please be on your post before the service begins.

• **Standing vs. Sitting:** It is tradition to stand during the reading of the Word, prayer, and receiving the offering. When physically able, please do so without being asked.
• **Our Legs:** It is improper to cross your leg over the knee in the sanctuary. We should be ready to stand quickly at all times.

• **Our Feet** should be in a position where we can stand quickly without regaining our balance.
• **Special Services**: For communion, special prayer, and other events, follow the person in charge.

• **Write Notes to Yourself, Rather than to Others:** Record all of the funny things you see, and share them after church.

• **Our Attire:** Consider your dress as it relates to your respect or disrespect for God.

• **Wait until Service** has dismissed before conducting the "Bible cover zipping drill." Someone could be meditating in the pews.

• **If You Must Have** a particular cough drop or candy in a nosey wrapper, unwrap as many as needed for church and put them in a noise-free container.

• **Never, Ever,** be so utterly disrespectful that you clip or polish your nails during services. Now that you have read the "reminders," make a list of the areas that need some work. Please assign yourself a liberation date.

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When we enter the sanctuary with praise and share His Word with others—would you say that souls would be inspired to welcome Christ in their lives? How we conduct ourselves will help determine God's Kingdom growth, as declared in His Word.

Worship Songs by Various Groups

Elevation Worship .....

“Way Maker”
“Do It Again”
“The Blessing”

“O Come to the Altar” “King of Kings”
“I Have Decided”

Hillsong Worship .....

“Grace to Grace”
“Love The Lord”
“Breathe”

“What a Beautiful Name” “Behold”
“Emmanuel”

“Here I Am To Worship”

The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir .....

“Amazing Grace”
“Because of Who You Are”
“Behold the Lamb”

“Bless Your Name Forevermore” “Calvary”
“For Every Mountain”

Maverick City Music .....

“Refiner”
“Communion”
“Most Beautiful/So in Love” “Take Me Back”

Worship Songs by Eleven Artists

by Tasha Cobbs Leonard

“You are Alpha and Omega” “What a Mighty God We Serve” “Smile”

“For Your Glory” “Fill Me Up”
“Put a Praise on It”

“Jesus Did It” “Your Spirit”
by Chris Tomlin
“Is He Worthy?” “Revelation Song”
by William McDowell

“Withholding Nothing Medley” “I Give Myself Away”
“My Heart Sings”

“Nothing Like Your Presence” “I Won’t Go Back”
“Falling On My Knees”
“Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone” by John Newton/ Chris Tomlin
“Glorious Day” by Casting Crowns

“The Gospel Song” by Sovereign Grace Music “Grace” by Michael W. Smith
“I am Redeemed” by Mike Weaver/Benji Cowart

“Broken Vessels” by Amazing Grace “I Give Myself Away” by Carlos Gregorio “In Jesus’ Name” by Darlene Zachech

Special Event Worship Songs

Ten Easter Worship Songs .....

“What a Beautiful Name” by Hillsong Worship “Simple Gospel” by United Pursuit

“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah”) by Kari Jobe “For The Cross” by Bethel Music
“Cross Has The Final Word” by Cody Carnes “Sweetly Broken” by Jeremy Riddle

“Cornerstone” by Hillsong Worship “All Hail King Jesus” by Jeremy Riddle
“This Is Amazing Grace” by Phil Wickham “Power In The Cross” by Derek Johnson

Six Communion Worship Songs .....

“Man of Sorrows” by Hillsong Worship
“The Victory” by Phil Wickham
“Raised To Life” by Elevation Worship

“What Wondrous Love Is This” by Chelsea Moon “Once For All” by Scott Cunningham Band “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” by Stuart

Townend

Five Christmas Worship Songs .....

“Christmas Day” by Chris Tomlin
“Christmas In Heaven” by Scotty McCreery
“Christmas Is Beautiful” by Shelly E. Johnson

“Christmas Offering” by Paul Baloche
“Carol of the Bells” by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Cultural Worship Songs

Six Spanish Worship Songs .....

“Cierto Es” by Tommy Walker
“Clamare” by Worship
“Dios De Lo Impossible” by Community Bible

Church

“Dios Tu Eres Dios” by Community Bible Church “En Ti Esperare´” by Tommy Walker
“Declar Your Name” by The Brooklyn Tabernacle

Choir

Five African Praise and Worship Songs .....

“Carry My Load” by Kanvee Adams
“Je Rappelle Dieu” by Grace Divine
“Adorons Jesus” by Schekina

“You Are Awesome” by Sinach “Meddley” by Gael

Who's Who in Worship Songs?

Eighteen Different Artists .....

"See You Again" by Anthony Evans
"Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker
"You Are Good" by Israel Houghton

"Anything Can Happen" by Jonathan Nelson "Shackles" by Mary Mary
"No Weapon" by Fred Hammond

"You Deserve It" by JJ. Hairston "Your Love" by William Murphy "You're Bigger" by Jekalyn Carr

"You Are Here" by William McDowell "Victory" by Yolanda Adams
"I Need You Now" by Smokie Norful

"Awesome" by Pastor Charles Jenkins "To God Be The Glory" by Andrae Crouch "Breathe" by Byron Cage

"I Need You" by Donnie McClurkin "A God Like You" by Kirk Franklin
"Jesus The Same" by Israel and New Breed

Five Upbeat Worship Songs .....

"I Am" by Influence Music
"Lift Up Jesus" by Brett Younker
"Never Stop" by Urban Rescue

"Freedom" by Kim Walker-Smith
"Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong Worship

Eleven Contemporary Worship Songs.....

“In Christ Alone” by Steven and Lydia Scoggins “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” by Rick Founds “Shine, Jesus, Shine” by Graham Kendrick

“There is a Redeemer” by Melody Green
“Days of Elijah” by Robin Mark
“I Will Call Upon Thee Lord” by Michael O’Shields

“Before the Throne of God Alone” by Bob Kauflin “Blessed Be Your Name” by Matt Redman “Who Am I” by Casting Crowns

“He Reigns” by Newsboys
“All My Hope” by David Crowder and Tauren Wells

Six Instrumental Worship Songs .....

“Before The Throne” by DappyTKeys Piano music “Guitar Worship” by Den Vichakyothin
“Blessed Assurance” by Cordillera Music and Arts

“Gentle Worship” by Jabes Pogi
“Peaceful and Relaxing Hymns” by DappyTKeys Piano music
“Bethel” by Dan Musselman Piano worship
“No matter the time or place when we think on God’s mercies, we can’t help but worship our Saviour.” — Helen Rogers

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My prayer is that *"Protocol Of The True Worshipper"* will motivate, encourage, and enlighten the readers to check their worship life, causing others to do the same.

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THE POTENTIAL OF THE ACORN

by Helen Rogers

Once I am planted in the soil and surrounded by caring elements, I have become many things to many people now watch my life. In the executive suite, I'm the desk; I'm the covering on the pen set. I'm the coat rack; I'm the door; I'm the floor and the window framework.

In the kitchen, I'm the cabinets; in the dining room, I'm the table and the chairs.
O' I'm the frame for the picture on the wall. In the dayroom,
I'm the case for the awards on the bookshelf and the flag of the

ones who sacrificed their life for my freedom.

On the cruise ship, I'm the helm, the deck, and in the cabin.
The artist's paintbrush gave me a face; now, I'm a person.
To the weary traveler, I'm a refuge from the sun. To the birds, I'm a source of food. To the young birds, I'm a nest and a lookout for the predator.
I'm a meal to the squirrel, and when the time has aged me, I'm home for the little creatures.

I am flexible.
Yes, I'm the acorn in the sand, and we, like the acorn, must be flexible in our Creator's hand no matter how humble our beginnings.

From the cotton fields of Alabama to Career Training Institute to the United States Marine Corps to Corporate America to Unemployment to Personal Results Coach, sharing life principles. With the leading of my Creator and the help of caring people, I am surviving the storms of life and helping other acorns achieve in the sands of time.

To God, be the glory!

The mighty oak was once a little nut that stood its ground—
the root of the righteous shall not be moved. (Proverbs 12:3)