



Series: God's Forever Family

Celebrating With God's Family

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(All scripture taken from the New International Version unless noted)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

REASONS TO WORSHIP

#1 WHEN I WORSHIP, IT GETS MY ATTENTION OFF _____.

Psalm 100:1 **"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth."**

V.2 "Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before the Lord with joyful songs."

V.3 "Know that the Lord is God..."

Colossians 3:1-2 **"Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."**

#2 WHEN I WORSHIP IT PRODUCES A SPIRIT OF _____ IN ME.

V.4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."

"Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

#3 WHEN I WORSHIP I EXPERIENCE _____.

“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren...even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty...

“yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!” Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NLT)

#4 WHEN I WORSHIP, IT CONNECTS ME TO _____.

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) **“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

“On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram’s horn, and all the people trembled. ¹⁷ Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.” Exodus 19:16-17

“Don’t neglect this. Don’t neglect the assembling of yourselves together.” Hebrews 10:25

#5 WHEN I WORSHIP I HONOR _____.

Life Group Homework

Getting Started

Was there a moment or time in your past of feeling particularly “close” to God? What were the circumstances, your location and the activities going on?

What insight, principle or observation from this Sunday’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

If you ask people what "worship is," you'll probably receive many answers related to music, church services, and singing. While worship certainly includes the songs we sing and the services we attend, this common definition limits worship to a timeframe or specific activity.

Instead, the Bible teaches that worship is a lifestyle—an ongoing response to God in every circumstance and every moment.

Read Isaiah 6: 1-8

Who allows us to enter into the presence of God? What then should be our response?

Read Psalm 89: 14-15

To “acclaim” is to welcome joyfully with a loud shout. How does welcoming God into your situation and circumstances allow you to live in the light of His presence?

Read Psalm 22: 3-5

What picture do you have of God “enthroned” on the praises of Israel?
How did this affect life in Israel?

Read Psalm 91: 1-6

Living in the shelter and abiding in the shadow of God is living a life of worship. How does the psalmist say this affects his life? How should this affect your life?

Application

Responding to God in every circumstance and every moment with praise is a learned process. How can you learn to worship God with your life?

What happens in our lives as a result of worshipping God in every moment of our life?

Praising God places you in the river of God’s grace. What does it mean to live in the “river of God’s grace?”

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