

Worship is Warfare! *It is a battle for some to engage, others engage to do battle*

Principles –

- 1. The devil does NOT want you to worship, he keeps you insecure and full of pride**
- 2. God is almighty, can not be defeated**
- 3. We are mortal limited people, but worship invokes the presence of God**
- 4. We can not rely on our abilities, resources, and wisdom**
- 5. Worship gives us perspective / we are small / God is big**
- 6. Worship teaches us to submit, surrender, follow**
- 7. Worship is an act of stepping out of Gods way**

SCRIPTURE -

2 Chron 20:3, 15 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said:

“Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you...

17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.” 18 Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. 20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” 21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his[c] holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.”

22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Zech 4:6 - 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

2 kings 17: 28 So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the Lord....

40 They would not listen, however, but persisted in their former practices. 41 Even while these people were worshiping the Lord, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their ancestors did.

Exod 33: 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." 18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

Acts 16:22-26 - 22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

1 Cor 14:15 – ¹⁵ So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

Ps 22:3 – you are holy and inhabit the praises of your people

Josh 6:1-20 –

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. 2 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Rev 5 - 11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

14 The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

John Piper – article titled - *Ambushing Satan with Song*

ways that God protects his people from danger.

1. Sometimes he prevents danger from even arising on the horizon of our lives.
 2. Other times he allows the danger to attack, and gives us the victory so that we live on and serve him in gladness.
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Jack Hayford (worship his majesty) has 5 requirements for worship –

1. Acknowledge – to admit, recognize, validate
 2. Submit – yield, surrender, come under authority
 3. Sacrifice – give up something you love for something you love more
 4. Magnify – telescope or microscope – get perspective
 5. Glorify – to ascribe majesty, beauty, splendor
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Darlene zschech (shout to the Lord) book “extravagant worship”

1. Mary Magdalene was extravagant with the oil
2. To mindlessly go through the motions of praise is like holding a grenade and never taking out the pin, or putting a painting by Leonardo da Vinci in a closet for storage.
3. The Bible doesn't say to shout at your spouse, or your kids... it says to shout for joy! There is power in the shout!
4. emotional walls prevent people from entering into the richness of worship. Walls can be so confining that they do not allow the inner man to be challenged, stretched or confronted.
5. submission is habitual yielding to authority. To yield requires commitment.
6. Obedience requires an actual follow-through and people are not great at finishing what they begin. Everyone likes quick instantaneous provision and change. Everyone wants immediate results; few people are prepared to wait, but God is a builder, not a magician!
7. passion is emotion expressed. It often releases itself in anger and negativity rather than in great things. You can pout or you can praise!