



Finding God in Praise & Worship

When you hear the term praise and worship, what do you think of? Music? Oh sure, but think deeper. What is it really? By the end of this sermon, you'll understand that praise and worship is much, much more than the songs we sing. You'll have a revelation that there is a place in praise and worship where we abandon self and embrace God. Let's find that place together.

I will **praise** the LORD at all times.

I will constantly **speak His praises**. Psalm 34:1

Praise should be constant.

Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing; praise Him with strings and flutes! Praise Him with a clash of cymbals; praise Him with loud clanging cymbals. Psalm 149:3

We have to abandon ourselves in praise is to find God.

Come, let us **worship** and **bow down**. Let us **kneel** before the LORD our maker, for He is our God. Psalm 95:6

Worship with abandon flows out of gratitude.

Praise and Worship are Not Defined by TEMPO

Praise is NOT Fast Songs and Worship is NOT Slow Songs.

And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁵ So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns. 2 Samuel 6:14-15

When we stop holding back and we abandon ourselves to honor Him, we start finding God.

This was an act of worship as the presence of God returned.

But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him. 2 Samuel 6:16

**David goes on celebrating unaware of how his wife feels.
He blesses all of Israel in celebration, giving them food.**

When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" 2 Samuel 6:20

Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! 2 Samuel 6:22a

We must Abandon ourselves to praise Him!

Praise Him for His mighty works; praise His unequalled greatness! Psalm 150:2

**Praise is WHAT We Offer to God
for WHO He is**

**Praise as an Offering can *bring* God's Presence,
but Worship is what we do when He shows up!**

Worship is Our RESPONSE to God's PRESENCE

Praise declares God's worth, and worship responds to his worth!

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the Temple. ² Attending Him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

The whole earth is filled with His glory!" ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. Isaiah 6:1-4

Isaiah gets a glimpse of God's glory in a vision.

⁵ Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." Isaiah 6:5

Isaiah's response to God's presence was repentance.

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Isaiah 6:6-7

The most Common form of Worship is Repentance

One day Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Luke 5:2

Jesus asks Simon to use His boat to teach from.

After teaching, He says go deeper and let's catch fish.

Simon says we worked all night not catching anything but if you say so, I will. There were so many fish the net began to tear, and Simon called for his partners. Soon both boats were so full they were sinking!

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." Luke 5:8

The presence of God came; Peter realized his unworthiness.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:10b-11

Jesus cleanses and calls. To Worship is to Follow Jesus.

Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

After the cleansing comes a commissioning. Cleansed & Called.

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.
Jeremiah 29:13

My Next Steps Today:

- ☐ Spend 15 Minutes Alone in Praise & Worship

Tithes & Offerings

I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing. 2 Samuel 24:24

Real worship costs me something

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