

WORSHIP
THE GATEWAY TO
COMMUNION WITH GOD

The twenty-four elders will fall down before him who sits on the throne, and will worship him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and because of You they existed, and were created.

Revelation 4:10, 11

✦ I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord.

✦ Psalm 122:1

✦ For David says of Him, I was always beholding the Lord in my presence; for He is at my right hand , that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; moreover my flesh also will abide in hope.

✦ Acts 2:25-26

"To worship is to act as an inferior before a superior. When I worship God, I am saying by my actions, "God, You are better than I am. You are bigger than I am. You are more than I am."



Oseph Garlington

"True worship can only take place when we agree to God sitting not only on his throne in the center of the universe, but on the throne that stands in the center of our hearts.

Robert Coleman

Isaiah's Commission

6:1-8

- ✦ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

✦³ And they were calling to one another:

✦ “Holy, holy , holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

✦⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

✦⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

✦⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

- ✦⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? ”
- ✦ And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Isaiah's Progression in worship

Isaiah 6:1-9

- ✦ He saw the glory of God
 - ✦ Upward vision—He had an encounter with God
- ✦ He felt the sinfulness of his nature
 - ✦ Inward vision—He saw his emptiness and helplessness.
- ✦ He experienced the gospel
 - ✦ Inward mission—He received cleansing, renewal, and empowerment.
- ✦ He accepted the call of God
 - ✦ Outward mission—He accepted the call to service.

MIDDLE EAST



Ps 96:7-8.

- ✦ Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.
- ✦ Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.
- ✦ Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

✦ Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. (Rev 5:12)

✦ Holiness means separate, distinct,
and beyond the categories of
human definition.

✦ Lloyd J. Ogilvie

John 4

Worship

Truth - Cognitive

Spirit - Experience

✦ Ardent, active piety should characterize the worshipers...the lifeless attitude of the worshipers in the house of God is one great reason why the ministry is not more productive of good. The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls.

✦ All the service should be conducted with solemnity and awe, as if in the visible presence of the Master of assemblies.

✦ 5T, pp. 492,493

✦ True worship consists in working together with Christ. Prayer, exhortation, and talk are cheap fruits, which are frequently tied on; but fruits that are manifested in good works, in caring for the needy, the fatherless, and widows, are genuine fruits and grow naturally upon a good tree.

✦ Christian Service, p.96.

The Essence of Worship

- ✦ God-pleasing worship is deeply emotional and deeply doctrinal. We use both our hearts and heads.

The Essence of Worship

- ✦ We can worship God imperfectly, but we cannot worship him insincerely.

Worship

- ✦ The most common mistake Christian make in worship today is seeking an experience rather than seeking God.

✦ When you feel abandoned by God yet continue to trust Him, you worship Him in the deepest way.

Definition of worship

- ✦ Worship is an active response to God whereby we declare His worth (to attribute worth to Him).



Two Models of Worship

- ✦ God is the producer, the pastor is the actor and the congregation are audience.
- ✦ In true worship, God is the audience, the people are the actors, and the pastor is prompter.

The Heart of worship

Give yourself to God...

Surrender your whole being to Him
to be used for righteous purpose.

✦ Romans 6:13 (TEV)

Definition of Worship

- ✦ What, then, is worship? Worship is an active response to God whereby we declare His worth. Worship is not passive, but is participative. Worship is not simply a mood; it is a response. Worship is not just feeling; it is a declaration.



Part of worship

- ✦ Submission
- ✦ Obedience
- ✦ Service
- ✦ Ministry

Manifestation of worship

- ✦ Fellowship
- ✦ Study the word
- ✦ Prayer
- ✦ Lord's supper
- ✦ Signs and Wonders and miracles
- ✦ Offering
- ✦ Praising and worship
- ✦ Ministry
- ✦ Evangelism

Spiritual

Mind

Physical

Emotional

Social

▶ Another matter which should receive attention, both at our camp meetings and elsewhere, is that of a company of the best singers, whose voices can lead the congregation, and then let all who will, unite with them...They should devote some time to practice, that they may employ this talent to the glory of God.

✦ Voice in Speech and Song, p. 434.



✦ In the meetings held, let a number be chosen to take part in the song service. And let the singing be accompanied with musical instruments skillfully handled. We are not to oppose the use of instruments of music in our work. This part of the service is to be carefully conducted; for it is the praise of God in song. The singing is not always to be done by a few. As often as possible, let the entire congregation join.

✦ G.W., pp. 357, 358



Top Ten Reasons To Worship

- ✦ 10. Worship results in a Christian taking better care of their spirituality.
- ✦ 9. Worship increases the Christian's vision of the greatness of God.
- ✦ 8. Worship is something God desires from His children.
- ✦ 7. Worship is what seems to happen whenever the Holy Spirit shows up.

- ✦ 6. Worship of God helps defeat the second greatest power in the world.
- ✦ 5. Worship puts a Christian's life into perspective.
- ✦ 4. Worship is what a Christian will do for all of eternity; it is the main activity of heaven.

- ✦ 3. Worship stirs a Christian's evangelistic passion.
- ✦ 2. Worship is at the center of everything the church believes, practices, and seeks to accomplish.
- ✦ 1. Worship is unavoidable for the growing Christian.

✦ Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God—for who He is! And what He has done! Expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.

20 Assumptions for Adventist Worship

- ✦ 1. The goal of worship is to focus on the greatness of God rather than on ourselves or our needs.
- ✦ 2. The result of worship must be healing and power for living transformed lives.
- ✦ 3. Worship must bring us into closer relationship with Jesus and with other worshipers, and then challenges us to purposeful service in the world.

- ✦ 4. Worship must clearly tell the story of Jesus Christ as our only hope and must show how His story can become ours.
- ✦ 5. Worship must examine and affirms what we as Seventh-day Adventist believe about God.
- ✦ 6. Because worship is an offering to God, it must be taken seriously and done with excellence.

- ✦ 7. Each worship experience must be carefully and purposefully planned.
- ✦ 8. Each elements of worship is important and must contribute to the goal of that particular service.
- ✦ 9. The atmosphere of worship must include celebration, contemplation, change and commitments.

- ✦ 10. Worship must be participative for all present, not a performance for spectators.
- ✦ 11. Each worship experience must be intensely interesting and take advantage of the curious power of variety.
- ✦ 12. Each aspect of worship must be understandable and useful for the first-time guest

- ✦ 13. Worship must bring pleasure to the heart of God.
- ✦ 14. Worship is more than a sermon or music or prayer.
- ✦ 15. Worship is not a part of your life. It is your whole life.
- ✦ 16. Every worship service must be filled with the Spirit of God.

- ✦ 17. Every worship service must be filled with hope and grace.
- ✦ 18. Worship leaders must be fully engaged with God and with the people.
- ✦ 19. Every worship service must lead the participants to an encounter with God.
- ✦ 20. Every worship service must be filled with the things of God.