

Worship: The Beauty and Power of Expressing Affection and Honor to the Lord

- I. **In a conversation with a Samaritan woman, Jesus revealed what the true worship of God was going to look like for the next 2,000 years (John 4:19-26; 14:6-7).**
 - A. We are the temple of God in which the Spirit lives corporately and individually (I Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20).
 - B. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life for anyone who wants to know God (John 14:6-7).
 - C. Expressing honor and affection for Jesus with our words, our songs, and our deeds is how we worship God (Romans 12:1-2).
 1. There is unusual fruit every time two or three believers gather to worship and pray in Jesus' Name (Matthew 18:18-20).
 2. Worship brings love back to us from the Father, and that love sometimes brings unique revelation of what the Father is thinking and doing (John 5:19-20), e.g., God Secrets by Shawn Bolz.
 3. Many of us have experienced the Father's love with the revelation and power that follows.

- II. **There are wonderful benefits when we worship and meditate on God.**
 - A. Worship reveals to us the beauty and favor of the Lord (Psalm 27:1-4).
 - B. Worship causes the defeat of our enemies (Psalm 27:4-6), e.g., David and his lyre (I Samuel 16:23); King Jehoshaphat (II Chronicles 20:18-23); Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25-26); Sophal in Cambodia.
 - C. Worship prepares the way for us to petition God for what we need (Psalm 27:4-14; Matthew 6:9-13).
 - D. Worship comforts us when we have failed and feel distant from God, e.g., David after the death of his child (II Samuel 12:19-20).
 - E. Worship helps us hear God's voice and direction for our lives (Acts 13:1-3; II Kings 3:14-20).
 - F. Worship (praise and thanksgiving) is directly connected to being filled with the Holy Spirit—the Presence of God (Ephesians 5:17-20; Psalm 100:1-4).
 - G. Worship, prayer, and thanksgiving are "God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:4-8).

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