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SET APART IN MY WORSHIP

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"The Father is seeking such people to worship Him"

John 4:23



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A little about me

- I have been married to my husband Kyle for 14 years.
- We have 3 daughters - Reagan, Hadley and Skylar.
- We have been attending Berean since 2021.
- I homeschool our girls.
- We have a small homestead with goats and chickens.



What comes to mind when you hear “worship”

- Singing/music
- Sunday morning/worship service
- Raising hands



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John 4:23-24

- Jesus shifts the focus from where we worship to what kind of worshiper God seeks.



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My own journey with worship

- I used to primarily associate worship with singing and church attendance.
- I didn't naturally see the mundane parts of life as worship.
- As I grew in knowing God, my understanding of worship expanded.
- He is worthy of my Sunday morning, and all my other days.

What is worship?

worship 1 of 2 verb

wor·ship 'wər-shəp  also 'wɔr-

worshipped *also* **worshipped**; **worshipping** *also* **worshipping**

Synonyms of worship

NEW

Simple Definition



transitive verb

1 : to honor or show reverence for as a divine being or supernatural power

2 : to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion

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What is worship?

- Worship is the wholehearted response of our lives to God's self-revelation.
- It involves our emotions, minds, bodies, choices, obedience, trust, love, and surrender.
- Our whole life can be offered to God.



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy,

to offer your bodies

as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper worship.



ROMANS 12:1

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Worship is a way of life

Worship isn't just something we do. It is how we live in response to God.

- The way I respond when I'm frustrated
- The way I love when it's inconvenient
- The way I serve when no one notices
- The way I trust when I don't understand
- The way I surrender my plans to God

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We cannot truly worship a God we do not know

- God has graciously revealed Himself to us.
- We don't have to guess who He is.
- Our worship must be grounded in truth.
- Truth begins with the truth about God Himself.

What do I really believe about God?

- When He says “wait”, do I believe He is faithful?
- When my plans fall apart, do I believe He is sovereign?
- When I fail, do I believe He is merciful?
- When life hurts, do I believe He is good?
- When I don’t understand, do I believe He is trustworthy?

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The danger of worshiping a God we have created

- A distorted view of God produces distorted worship.
- Only loving? We forget His holiness.
- Only gracious? We forget His justice.
- Only comforting? We forget His sovereignty
- If God is small, my worship will be small

God wants to be known

Jeremiah 9:23-24

“Thus says the Lord, Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth. For these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

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God reveals His character

Exodus 34: 6-8

“The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation. And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.”

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God reveals His character

- Merciful
- Gracious
- Slow to anger
- Abounding in steadfast love
- Faithful
- Just



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Knowing God's character changes our worship

- He is Holy – we have reverence
- He is Merciful – we have gratitude
- He is Gracious – we have humility
- He is Faithful – we trust
- He is Sovereign – we surrender
- He is Good – we praise

Worship in spirit AND truth

- Truth: worship grounded in who God really is
- Spirit: genuine worship from within, and not merely outward activity.
- Truth without heart can become cold religion.
- Spirit without truth can become emotion detached from biblical reality.
- Jesus calls us to Spirit AND truth.

What makes my worship set apart?

My worship should look different because I belong to God.

- How I speak to my children
- How I respond to my husband
- How I handle conflict, money, disappointment, success, and suffering
- What I do when nobody is watching.

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What could worship look like here?

- I'm exhausted and my child is being difficult
- My plans suddenly fall apart
- When I feel unappreciated or overlooked
- God answers a prayer I've been waiting on

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Sometimes being set apart looks incredibly ordinary

- Faithfulness
- Obedience
- Serving when nobody sees
- Choosing patience
- Loving when it's inconvenient
- Surrendering my plans
- “Lord, this belongs to You, too”

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Worship when life is hard

- Can I still say: God is good?
- Not because the circumstance is good, but because God is good.
- “I don’t understand this, But I know You, and because I know You, I can trust You.”

Beholding God transforms us

2 Corinthians 3:18

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another”

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When you read your bible, ask..

- “What does this passage teach me about God?”
- What does this reveal about His character?
- What does He value?
- What does He promise?
- How should knowing this about God change my worship?

Let's work through one together...

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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A practical challenge for the next week

- Choose ONE attribute of God
- Find Scriptures to reveal it
- Write them down. Think about them. Pray.
- What does this tell me about God?
- How should knowing this change my worship?
- How should it change the way I live?

Do you know the God you worship?

The question isn't simply:

- Do I sing beautifully?
- Do I know all the worship songs?
- Do I attend church?

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Do you know the God you worship?

The deeper question is:

- Do I know Him?
- Do I know His character?
- Do I know the God I am worshiping as He has revealed Himself in His Word?
- As I know God more, is my worship growing in response?



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Personal Reflection

- What do I really believe about God?
- Is the God I worship the God revealed in scripture?
- What attribute of God do I need to know more deeply right now?
- How would knowing Him more deeply change my worship?



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Behold Our God

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58&list=RDGqrli3Lkf58&start_radio=1

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