How Shall We Worship

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INTRODUCTION

- When those two thoughts converge, that I'm doing something for someone who means so much to me, and what I am doing is highly significant. Then I pause and I give much thought to what I'm doing.
- Those two thoughts converge when we worship God.
- Psalm one hundred focuses our mind whereas it ought to be focused on worship and on the source and the object of our worship.

1 Worship Is Active, Not Passive

Psalm 100:1–4; Ephesians 5:19

- Worship properly offered, worship is active, not passive.
- Every beginning word is an action word. Make, serve, know, enter. Worship properly offered is an activity.
- Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.
- It's largely a participation of the heart and the mind that is to be engaged.
- You are not worshiping unless you're actively engaged, because if the Bible teaches us anything, it's that no one can worship God for you.

2 Worship Is to Be Joyful

Psalm 100:1–2; Malachi 1:12–13; Psalm 122:1

- You can't miss this point, really, can you, reading the one hundredth Psalm. Worship is to be joyful.
- Worship is to be an active participation event, and it is to be a joyful one.
- Do I view it simply as a duty, an obligation, some burden that has been placed upon me that I have to fulfill, some box that I need to check?
- As I grow in my love, my appreciation, my respect, my gratitude toward God, I am longing for some way to show him.
- Why weren't they offering up their best? Because they viewed it as a weariness, as a drudgery, as a burden.
- I was glad when they said, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

3 Worship Is to Be Knowledgeable, Not Ignorantly

Psalm 100:3; Acts 17:23; Psalm 23

- And it's to be knowledgeable, not ignorantly.
- Know that the Lord, he is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves.
- Worship is to involve emotion. But an emotion that springs out of knowledge.

- Worship takes on real meaning when it is offered in knowledge. You cannot worship God accidentally.
- The one whom you worship without knowing, him I proclaim to you.
- When the Bible speaks of sheep, it speaks of those who are lovingly under a shepherd's care.

4 Worship Is to the Lord, Not to Self

Psalm 100:1–2

- Worship properly offered is going to be to the Lord, not to self.
- Because remember, worship isn't a spectator sport. Worship is not about me.
- It's not about doing things that entertain me and keep my attention and make me even feel good. It's about worshiping God.
- Remember, you're doing this for God. It is of vital importance, and it's being offered to someone that you think so highly of.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Why not do those things that the New Testament tells you need to do to find reconciliation to your Father? If you've done that, but you've wandered away in whatever way, then why not come to Him and worship Him today?**

MY NOTES