





Shout To The Lord

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My Jesus, my Savior,

Lord, there is none like You;

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength; Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, All the earth, let us sing,

Power and majesty,

Praise to the King;

Mountains bow down And the seas will roar At the sound of Your name,

I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You,

Forever I'll stand,

Nothing compares To the promise I have In You.

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Nothing compares To the promise I have, Nothing compares To the promise I have,

Oh, nothing compares To the promise I have In You.



Come, Now is the Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure
remains for those,
who gladly choose You now!

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind and strength we gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...Come...Come



As The Deer

As the deer
Panteth for the water
So my soul
Longeth after Thee.

You alone are my
Heart's desire;
And I long to
Worship Thee.

You alone are my strength,
My shield,
To You alone
May my spirit yield.

You alone are my
Heart's desire
And I long
To worship Thee.

You're my friend And You are my brother Even though You are a King.

I love you More than any other, So much more than anything.

You alone are my strength,
My shield,
To You alone
May my spirit yield.

You alone are my
Heart's desire
And I long
To worship Thee.

I want You More than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.

You alone Are the real joy-giver, And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength,
My shield,
To You alone
May my spirit yield.

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And I long
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Rhesa – Jesus Loves Me

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God,

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds

Thy hands have made.

I see the stars,

I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout

The universe displayed.

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

When through the woods

And forest glades I wander

And hear the birds

Sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook

And feel the gentle breeze.

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

And when I think

That God, His Son, not sparing,

Sent Him to die,

I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross,

My burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died

To take away my sin.

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

When Christ shall come

With shout of acclamation

And take me home,

What joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow

In humble adoration,

And there proclaim,

My God, how great Thou art!

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,

My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,



I Stand In Awe Of You

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You are beautiful

Beyond description,

Too marvelous for words,

Too wonderful

For comprehension,

Like nothing ever seen

Or heard.

Who can grasp

Your infinite wisdom,

Who can fathom

The depth of Your love?

You are beautiful

Beyond description,

Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand,

I stand in awe of You,

I stand,

I stand in awe of You;

Holy God,

To Whom all praise is due,

I stand in awe of You.

You are beautiful

Beyond description,

Too marvelous for words.

Yet God crushed

you for my sin.

In agony and deep affliction,

Cut off that I might enter in.

Who can grasp

such tender compassion,

Who can fathom

this mercy so free?

You are beautiful

beyond description,

Lamb of God

who died for me.

I stand, I stand in awe of You,

I stand, I stand in awe of You,

Holy God, to Whom all praise is due,

I stand in awe of You.



I Worship You, Almighty God

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I worship You, Almighty God,

There is none like You.

I worship You, O Prince of Peace,

That is what I want to do.

I give You praise,

For You are my righteousness.

I worship You, Almighty God,

There is none like You.

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I worship You, O Prince of Peace,

That is what I want to do.

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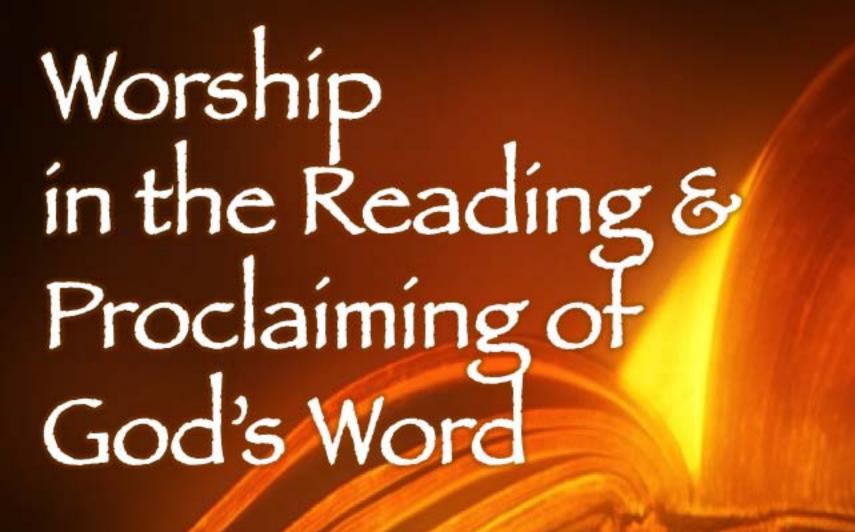
For You are my righteousness.

I worship You, Almighty God,

There is none like You,

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Hindrances to Worship

Joshua 24:15,19ff "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD..."

Why did Joshua say to the people, "...Ye cannot serve the LORD:..."

Because "service" requires sacrifice and sacrifice can be very difficult for a people who want to do their "own thing", their "own way".

Romans 12:1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, (all the time) holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (ESV)

JESUS quoted Isaiah 29:13, when He said...

Matthew 15:8-9 "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Isaiah 29:13 "And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men," (ESV)

Going to CHURCH for the sake of going to church because it is the right thing to do, is an activity taught by men and not directed by God's Word and it is certainly not WORSHIP!

Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

REVIEW - I. What Is Worship

- A. "The Greek word denotes an act of reverence whether paid to a creature or to the Creator."
- B. The Greek word proskuneo means "... (to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch, to i.e., (lit. or fig.) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):--worship"

Remember that the WORD of GOD through the mouth of the Apostle Paul teaches that all of LIFE is to be WORSHIP!!

Philippians 1:20b-21 "...but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Galatians 2:20-21 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

II. What Is Acceptable Worship

A. First, ignorant worship is not accepted, Acts 17:23.

Acts 17:23 "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

B. Second, vain worship is unacceptable,

Matthew 15:9 "But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men." – **obeying men**

C. Third, will worship is not accepted,

Colossians 2:20-23 "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye

subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh." - obeying self

I don't smoke, I don't chew and I don't go with girls that do!!!

John 4:23-24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Acceptable WORSHIP comes from the

Acceptable WORSHIP comes from the heart of the true believer whose mind is fixed on GOD as the very most important person in their lives.

III. Hindrances To WORSHIP

A. Being unmindful of TIME!

There is no commandment in the Bible that says, "Thou shall not be late, ever," so it's not as simple as one Scripture reference to determine God's view on tardiness.

Everyone has been late to something at some point, often due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances. But, if someone is habitually late and unconcerned about being on time, especially if that person professes to be a Christian, then scriptural principles do apply.

As with all things, God looks at the heart, "for the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

- 1. For one thing, continual lateness does not express love for others. Forcing others to wait for us time after time is simply rude.
- Christians are to love one another and love our enemies as well, and "love is not rude" (1 Corinthians 13:5).

When others perceive that we are unloving and unconcerned about them, our reputations as Christians suffer.

"A good name is better than precious ointment" (Ecclesiastes 7:1). This means that we should be known as people of our word, trustworthy and dependable, and not be known as always late, slothful, or unconcerned about others. Our actions as Christians point back at Christ. Do they glorify Him? Do they bring

Our actions as Christians point back at Christ. Do they glorify Him? Do they bring Him honor? "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23).

- 2. Furthermore, as Christians we never want to cause someone else to sin.
- Constantly being forced to wait for someone can be very aggravating, especially to those who make an effort to be on time.

Minor irritation can very easily become anger. Anger is usually sin, and we are never to be the cause of someone else's sin.

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come'" (Luke 17:1).

Waiting can not only be frustrating, but it causes unnecessary stress and wasted time for the person that has to wait.

Christians are exhorted by Paul to "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

The perpetually late person does not consider others' time as more important than his own. Most habitual late-comers are concerned only with themselves.

Continually being late does not communicate a zeal or diligence in serving Christ by loving others as He loves us. It also does not communicate faithfulness or trustworthiness.

3. For the person who is habitually late, there is hope. For many, it is simply a matter of overcoming bad habits built up over time.

Sometimes it's just a matter of changing those habits to be more aware of time, planning ahead, and leaving ample time for the unexpected.

Recognizing the spiritual impact on others is the first step in understanding the importance of reversing the bad habit of tardiness.

If we are motivated by love for others and a desire to maintain a good reputation for Christ's sake, then prayer for wisdom and help is the next step.

God has promised wisdom to all who ask for it (James 1:5), and He is never far away from those who call upon His power for godly living.

B. UNFORGIVENESS can be a big hindrance in the life of a worshiper.

Matthew 18:33-35 "Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Matthew 6:14-15 "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

1 John 4:20 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

C. A DISTRACTED MIND can be a hindrance to worship.

2 Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 "We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ," (ESV)

I believe that our very DRESS can evidence the state of our mind!!

ILL. If you were going to meet with someone SPECIAL, like the Mayor or Governor or maybe even the President, would not your DRESS say volumes as to your opinion of the character or deserved esteem or regard for that other **HUMAN?**

Then what about God, can we become "to casual" in our respect for HIM?

1 Corinthians 11:4 "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head."

In the presence of a prince or a nobleman, it would be considered as a mark of disrespect should the head be covered.

1 Corinthians 11:7 "For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: ..."

ILL. Cowboy singers in Roswell

So in the presence of Christ, in whose name we worship, it is a mark of disrespect if the head is covered.

Also getting up during the preaching service to go to the bathroom is disrespectful to the speaker and to the others you disturb in doing do.

So I believe that the attitude of the Heart can be reflected in the way we dress or behave.

Remember the old hymn "Give of your best for the Master"? Does it not have Spiritual implications?

D. The Feeling of Being UNWORTHY is another major hindrance in worship. (Dutch)

Psalms 103:12-14 "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

Psalms 15:1-3 "A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour."

Romans 8:33 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"

1Thessalonians 2:12 "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

Colossians 1:10 "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

Certainly this result is the aim of the right knowledge of God. "The end of all knowledge is conduct" (Lightfoot).

Conclusion:

So as we labor together in this new year in an effort to see that our Worship is unhindered and acceptable unto GOD be mindful of these things:

1. Be On Time

2. Be Forgiving

3. Be Attentive

4. Be Humble!! It's not about you, it's about HIM.

And yes, God does care!

HIS WORD says so....



As We Go As we go may Your Spirit

go before us

As we go may we follow
where You lead

May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go.

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