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True worship,

that is pleasing to God, radiates throughout a person's entire life.

Editor's Note

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 John 4:23-24 (KJV) worship him.



Pastor T. Chibanda - Chief Editor

Worship Space aims to equip worshippers to become true worshippers of God, in the way He prescribed.

Apostle Cleophas Tavaya, a worship leader based in Zimbabwe, launched this platform on the 28th of September 2020 in response to the Holy Spirit's impressions about creating a convergent space where worshippers can share tips and experiences on how to become true worshipers.

Renowned and seasoned worship leaders from across the globe with traceable work and lifestyles in ministry will be invited to share their journeys and give advice to worshippers.

To improve on information reach we have social media accounts where information and updates are shared (Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube & Twitter).

We also have a website where we will be sharing worship teachings & blogs.

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A PLACE WHERE

TRUE WORSHIPERS CONVERGE



Portrait of a Worshipper Dr. C. Manyame

You cannot worship God unless you know who He is. Worship is a response we give to the revelation of who God is. The deeper the revelation the more impactful our worship will be. Take time to read the word, pray, worship, and live a life worth of God.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Praise means a lot of things in Hebrew and people should take time to understand the deep meaning of certain phrases in the Bible. For example, in Psalms 22:3 the word praise is Tehillah which means unrehearsed songs dropped by the Spirit of God in one's spirit, heart or mind during worship. Below are other six Hebrew words which define praise;

- 1. Zamar refers to the act of striking strings.
- 2. Shabak means a shout of praise.
- 3. **Halal** to celebrate, rave, to be clamorously foolish for God.
- 4. Yadah means the raising of hands.
- 5. **Towdah** means to express visible thanks or adoration to God by extending hands in reverence.
- 6. **Barak** the word connotes kneeling down in reverence and literally bending at the waist as a sign of humble submission.
- 7.**Tehillah** a hymn of praise or psalm but more important the unrehearsed song or the spiritual/spontaneous song, the new song.

An understanding of the meaning and context of the above words completely changes the way you worship. Worship is an old English word meaning worth-ship, ascribing worth to who God is. Attributing worth to the nature of God. It is sin to ascribe the worship of God to man.

Psalm 29:1-2 KJV: Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Words used in worship describe:

- Serving God
- Prostrating and kissing the holy ground where your God stands (Proskeneu)
- Response to who God is
- Bowing down

Romans 12:12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - (KJV)

From the above scripture, it is clear that worship is about offering service to God. One can only serve after presenting his body as a living sacrifice to God.

In this context, a sacrifice is there to be:

- Burnt meaning one must ask God to be purified,
- *Killed* meaning one must ask God to be mortified of all inherent carnal thoughts.
- Lay your life down for God to do what He wills.

Worship is sacrificial. It is more than a song. It is a spiritual exercise which demands abandoning carnality for spirituality. This is what God requires from us. The Bible makes it clear that, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24 KJV). David stands out as one of the greatest worshippers that ever lived on earth. Most of the Psalms are based on his experiences with God.

WHO WAS KING DAVID AND WHAT SET HIM APART?

1. Chosen by God

1 Samuel 16:1 KJ: And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. (KJV)

We have been chosen by God to be the light that shows the way. You must never appoint or chose yourself, but allow God to endorse you. If you know you are chosen, you will know that God will never forsake you. Knowing that God has chosen you gives confidence and total reliance on Him. Having the knowledge that God chose you also gives strength amid trying times.

2. Anointed by God

1 Samuel 16:13 KJV: Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

David was chosen by God and anointed. Anointing gives power to break yokes and chains. It is the anointing that gave David the ability to play the harp in a way that would make an evil spirit to depart from Saul. It is not enough to be chosen and skilled but be anointed as well. Anointing is not manufactured but comes from God. God bestows the anointing on you as you walk with Him, seek Him and do His will. Anointing enables you to carry out the mission and work God has for you.

3. Humble and served under authority

David did not leave his present office of being a shepherd even after he had been anointed. He kept on serving his father and king Saul faithfully. Though God had anointed him, David kept tending the sheep and serving Saul.

Portrait of a Worshipper Dr. C. Manyame

God bestows upon people bigger things when they are faithful in small things. The office of a worshiper must operate in humility. Be good and faithful servants. A worshiper must know how to serve under authority. Serve where God has called you and submit under the leadership of your Pastor or worship leader. True worship cannot be separated from humility or from carrying a servant heart. Worship is about serving God. We cannot separate worship from humility. Be careful not to poison your well because of the praises of men. The measure and level of our worship has nothing to do with the titles people give, but the heart with which we have done God's assignment. Never expect to be exalted by people more than the voice from God that says, "...well done good and faithful servant." The level of your worship is never about your titles or comments people make about you, but it is more about faithfulness and heartily service.

4. Honour God

David understood what it meant to honour God. As worshippers we must strive to do the same. It is imperative to always honour what God has honoured. Worshippers must submit to God and allow Him to avenge for them on things wrongfully accused of them. A good example is even though Saul was pursuing him, David had two opportunities to strike Saul, but he never laid his hands on him. He continued to honour Saul as the anointed one of God. David's faithfulness and allegiance was towards God and not to Saul.

Even if there is conflict and strife, a worshipper should chose to be faithful to God and stay humble. Always seek to do that which pleases God. A worshiper should always work much in the background to ensure an excellent presentation in his or her pursuit to glorify God. In your daily living seek to always end up glorifying God. Our pursuit of God in the secret place is followed by the manifestation of God in public.

5. Repentant and broken (A broken spirit)

Psalm 51:17 KJV: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

David was not a perfect person, even in his lowest times where he would have broken God's heart through sin, he would go back to God with a broken spirit in pursuit of repentance. David was a master in the art of repentance. He was also willing to pay the price.

Worshipers must have a repentant heart and be broken. Whenever you realise your sin go back to God and align your path. A worshiper must know how to go back to God in repentance and as well pay the price.

6. Willing to pay the price

2 Samuel 24:24 KJV: And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

As per the above scripture, worship is sacrificial. There is always a price to pay in the life of a worshiper. Never be so excited of freebies. Sacrifices might mean your time and resources. What happened to praying first before everything? Create time for uninterrupted moments with God. Are you willing to pay the price? The David-kind of anointing and praise comes at a price. Never be in pursuit ONLY for what worship brings but also check your lifestyle. Worship is a lifestyle, and it goes way beyond bowing down. Whatever you are doing before going to the stage is also part of worship. Never allow hatred, bitterness, unforgiveness, unresolved conflicts to spoil your well of worship.

There is no amount of public worship that can make up for your private moments in the secret place. To be an effective worshipper be willing to pay the price. What you see publicly is an overflow of the life lived in the secret place. There is nothing much that happens when we do not create a private moments where we develop our lives in God's presence. Take time in the secret place for that is the place where all things happen. Never fall victim to music gymnastics during worship events and fail to lead people to having an experience with God.

7. Skilled Warrior and Musician

What we do for God should speak for us. Pay attention to the time you invest developing your skill and craft. As you lead, it will be easy for God to change you as you will not be worried at whether you are in or out of key. Be skilled in the things that God has called you to be.

"God bestows on you bigger things when you are faithful in small things." ~ Dr. Comfort Manyame

The True Worshiper

Pastor Patricia Mareyanadzo

There are seven things that identify a true worshiper namely:

- **1. Born Again:** A true worshiper is born again. John 3:3 says, "..you cannot see the kingdom of God unless you are born again." For you to qualify to be a true worshipper you should have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.
- 2. Led by the Spirit: A true worshiper is always led by the Spirit of God on and off-stage. A worshipper must maintain a prayerful life to become sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit. A true worshiper's spirit is always connected to the Spirit of God. On stage, a worshiper should be sensitive to the Spirit about how the worship session should progress, which songs to pick. The leading of the Spirit often (not always) gives a worshiper different songs from those he/she would have planned. A true worshipper is flexible to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Sound in the Word: A true worshipper has a sound knowledge of the Word; reads the Bible meaningfully at least daily and has an active prayer life. Reading the Bible feeds the inner man and makes one grow daily. Reading the Bible also helps the worshipper to compose biblically sound songs as well as impact or minister to the church with the scriptures while leading worship.
- **4. Humility:** A true worshipper is humble. He never takes any credit for a wonderful worship session. His motive when going upstage is to lead in song must be pure and not that of showing off his voice or attire. A worshiper never discredits other worshippers and gives the impression that he can sing better than other worshippers. Remarks like, "we now want to enter into praise and worship..." by a worshipper as they take over the microphone from another worshipper does not denote humility but, pride.

TRUE WORSHIP WILL TRANSFORM ORDINARY CHURCH MEETINGS INTO EXTRAORDINARY SPIRITUAL FEASTS.

DEAN M. DAVIES

"Praise and worship is not about how talented you are or what a wonderful and beautiful voice you have. It's all about denying yourself, let GOD to be God in your life and praise Him with all your heart and soul."

- Euginia Herlihy

- **5. Learn from Others:** A true worshipper is always keen to learn though he may need to spiritually discern what he may or may not adopt from others. Whenever he sees better practices in other worshippers quickly he must learn them. For example, new songs. The Bible says, desire to give a sacrifice of praise to God in the most skilful manner (Psalm 33:3). Seek to better your singing skills for example through by enrolling for vocal coaching.
- **6. Exemplary Life:** A true worshipper must live an exemplary life and exercise excellent self-control. This helps a worshiper to gain the congregants' cooperation because we minister before people as we lead them into the presence of God. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says, "Preserve your body as a temple of God." Also, it is important to maintain healthy relationships with people so that when you stand to lead worship, the whole church is in sync with you.
- **7. Uncontroversial:** Never wear controversial attire, especially when leading worship else the people get distracted. Guard against technical hitches that are avoidable by checking your equipment in conjunction with the sound team way before the worship session.

John 4:24 KJV: God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (KJV) In conclusion, according to John 4:24, the worshipper should worship God earnestly in spirit and in truth, on and off stage. Have an encounter with God in your own closet before you lead the church otherwise you will try to lead people where you have never been. Worship is a 24/7 lifestyle, not an event!

Question & Answer

Janet Manyowa (JM)

Q: Can you tell us about your background?

JM: I am Janet Rejoice Rudo Manyowa, I am a born again Christian who loves God and loves serving Him in whatever way possible. I am first in a family of four. I am married to my husband Munyaradzi Manyowa and we are blessed with three children. I am an accountant by profession and a musician by calling.

Q: How did you start ministering and discover that this was more than just a singing gift?

JM: I'm a Pastor's daughter who grew up singing in church. Every opportunity for praise and worship to sing was pushed to the forefront. I started singing at a very young age from Sunday School and High School days. I am still singing at my church choir where I minister as a worship leader. I started singing as a recording artist in 2015 after being encouraged by my family. Particularly my husband encouraged me to record a song with Dr. Comfort Manyame. I had not taken my calling seriously up to that point but I believed God had a greater plan to show me the purposes He had for my life and how He intended to use my gift to sing to nations, to bring songs of healing and salvation. I believe God is doing just that for me. So it took so long for me to accept my calling but was just singing since my early childhood days at school and church.

Q: We have heard and seen the impact you have made in ministry - awards, musically and in the corporate world. Excellence has been something people see in your music, videos and performances. What are some of the nuggets and values behind this success?

JM: We thank God for what He has done. It is the Lord's doing and is wonderful in our eyes. I always say be diligent in the place God has placed you for service. You might be in the grass roots or beginning phase of being a powerful minister, you need to be diligent, committed and need to stand out. Be reliable in church. Let your Pastor among all the people say, "I can depend on you." Work hard. Hard work pays off. We need to be skilful musicians unto the Lord. I have nights that have been very late nights for me and my team in pursuing things that we wanted to be excellent in. We also believe in investment. Let's sow on fertile ground because the Lord's vineyard is definitely a fertile ground and we will reap. Investment is a key component for excellence and all the things that come with that and obviously up to the level that you can, we are not asking people to break a bank to come to that standard but it is one step at a time and invest in doing your best.

"Worship is a lifestyle of devotion to the one you love"
It might not be the best but do your best

and God will take care of the rest. We also value a lot of innovation, think outside the box,

think about the new ways of pushing the gospel and make the name of Jesus famous, to drive people to the Lord and to reach out to the lost souls. Diligence in smaller platforms prepares you for the greater. You don't want to start making mistakes in a stadium.

Q: How do you guys balance the two, Mr. Munyaradzi Manyowa as your producer and a husband and a father at home?

JM: Mr. Manyowa is my manager, husband and father to my children. About balancing things we relate to each other well. We are all able to set boundaries for our marriage so that music will not be overstepped, that's how we manage the two. It's really communication, being honest and true to each other and having someone who can speak into our lives on a personal level like that.

Q: Do you discuss about music at home or sing together?

JM: We do discuss music a lot especially when we are going towards an album year. We ask for time out at times since mostly we will be talking about music. We do not sing together yet but he does write songs here and there and that's a blessing.

Q: In your own definition, what is worship and how can one stay pure and grounded in it? What can you share about the worship ministry and some values that are key for one to stay pure and grounded in ministry?

JM: I subscribe to the school of thought that says worship is a lifestyle and in defining that lifestyle I believe it should be a lifestyle of devotion to the one you love. Where there is devotion, there is no conflict, there is loyalty, there is love for the one who we are devoted to. Worship is an attitude of being devoted to God. It might not be in song but in the way I carry myself and everything must reflect the one I am devoted to. Worship for me is just devotion to the Lord, continuous process of being washed in the word daily and not depending on yesterday's manna. When you read a scripture today tomorrow it may have a different meaning of the situations around us we are going through. Knowing what God desires of us each step of the way. Dwelling in the word is what makes us pure and definitely time devoted to worshipping and speaking to God on a personal level is what makes us grounded in ministry.

Question & Answer

ਘਰੀਨ Janet Manyowa

Q: How do you strike a balance between fame and worship? Famous as you are, how do you stay humble as a worshipper?

JM: I think it's the company you keep yourself in. People you surround yourself with really matter. Your friends and family should not be those who prop you so much that you end up losing focus or sight of your purpose. I think a worshipper needs to be accountable, have a pastor, a mentor someone you look up to, who can rebuke you. As humans, we may go way ward and it takes another eye to say oh there is something that need to be fixed. In order to remain humble, we need to be accountable and surround ourselves with people who tell us the truth in love and celebrate us when there is need to. Have instructors not yes man only.

Q: Do you have experiences that you recall that have been learning points and that you always refer to?

JM: I have so many learning points and experiences that I can recall particularly to do with balance between performance and worship. As a minister one may focus on the performing side and not the worship side. Some are better of said when you do it yourself. Be devoted in the place you are serving. I have made a lot of mistakes in church, because of lacking understanding of the technical side of music and ministry. The moment you stop learning is the recipe for disaster. Patience is everything, do not beg, and do not be desperate.

Q: Have you ever recorded a song that did not come out well? How do you prepare to record a song and make sure it comes out excellent?

JM: I did record a song partially and we were not happy with it and we did not continue. It's no point waiting until the song is finished. Throughout my life, I have been singing songs and recording but there are some which stand out. There are some songs which are just anointed they stand out and those are the songs I take to my manager. We discuss treatment of the song and what message and mission that song is meant to accomplish. Sometimes the song might be great but does not fit in the mission we are trying to accomplish. We then speak to our producer and debate again.

Q: What is your advice to some growing worship leaders who see you as a role model in terms of the worship and music ministry?

JM: My advice would be, "Seek you first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you. Do not envy the world, do not conform to the things of the

world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Renew your mind daily, seek God's wisdom, guidance, sharpen your skill, instrument playing, vocals, and be ready for the battle, for greater things. The time you have is now. Put your heart and effort now because there is no time wasted in preparing a song and sharpening your skill. You are getting better for things that lie ahead, remain rooted in the word of God.

Q: Who inspires you among the music ministers?

JM: I grew up listening to Mai Suluma and yes she is definitely one of the musicians who inspires me a lot especially her song-writing is on just another level. I am inspired by many musicians who have done so well in the gospel industry the likes of Bishop Benjamin Dube, Cece Winans to mention just a few...

Q: At the beginning when you discovered your calling and started developing it, have you ever had times where you almost doubted your calling? If so, how did you handle it? What would be your advice to someone who might be in that season of doubting their calling?

JM: When I discovered my calling I never looked back. My advice is, be a resolute and focused person. Whenever you make a decision, stick to it. I was determined, obviously had doubts before but once I decided that this is what I was gonna do and was going to do it diligently and have never looked back. Doubt your doubts. When you hear the voice of doubt coming to you, just stay on course and tell yourself "I am resolute kind of a person I will not allow anything to hinder my pursuit."

Q: How do you prepare to minister to God's people whether on concert or at church?

JM: I believe this is really the condition of your heart. You might have prepared skill wise and band wise but ministry is all about the heart thing. I always check the condition of my heart when even things didn't go well I always go check what was my heart like.



True & Spiritual Worship

Dr. Comfort Manyame

John 4:24 (KJV), "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The scripture above should guide how we worship. Worship in this case is not just limited to singing songs but the whole life experience. Often times we neglect this foundational principle laid out by Jesus Christ Himself when He was talking about worship. When we have it in our hearts and spirit that the God we worship is Spirit and can NEVER be worshiped or satisfied with worship that is not spiritual, then our worship will be **RIGHT** in God's eyes. When we understand that our worship is a spiritual exercise, then we can put everything in perspective.

Spiritual Worship

The first part is SPIRIT. The Bible says in Psalm 42:7 KJV, "Deep calls unto deep..." spirit man to Spirit. We have to be filled with the Spirit of God and He then is the one who teaches us how to worship. He also calls/cries out with groanings that cannot be uttered. Worship is a spiritual exercise.

Luke 11:13 KJV If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your Children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. According to Luke 11:13, the Word of God shows that if not filled by the Holy Spirit, you can ask God to fill you up and place yourself in a position where He can fill you up through prayer, repentance and living right.

Truthful Worship

The second part is TRUTH. How do we know what is true apart from what the spirit man reveals and also apart from being rich in God's word? So this is the other part of the equation. Wholesome worship comes from being filled not just with God's Spirit but with His Word too. I do know that you can truly worship God fully if you do know what He is revealing in His word. So, if one was to ask me how they can become an effective worshiper of God, I would gladly refer them to John 4:24.

The Spirit, God freely gives. The word, though freely given requires us to work. Read to understand, search the deep things so that you can show ourselves approved. For your worship to go to a higher level, read and study the word of God.

Remember, worship is not just singing songs but how we conduct our lives. You cannot separate the two, which is also why in one instance Jesus instructs that if you bring

your gift/sacrifice to the altar and there remember you have a forgiveness issue with a brother, leave your offering there and go back and make amends before you can even 'worship'. Our lives/daily living is intricately linked to our 'worship' or what is given on Sunday or whenever else you 'worship'.

I believe songs are an expression of our worship. We express what we are, inwardly there is a 'well' that is boiling and it comes outwardly as an expression. I think songs can be that. Songs that touch the heart of the Father are not just empty words. When I look at songs, there are two types of songs. The rehearsed song and the unrehearsed or spiritual song. When the Bible talks in Psalms about our God inhabiting the praise of his people. The actual word used in that verse is Tehillah which is a hymn of praise but more importantly it is also the unrehearsed song or spiritual song or song in the moment or what the Spirit is saying. That is where you hear people talk about 'spontaneous' or 'prophetic' worship. This is the unrehearsed song. Tehillah is the praise in which our God has a habitation. So songs do play a major part in our worship.

We must also create time to research about the seven Hebrew words for Praise. In the original Hebrew, praise is not the same word always. Each of the seven words describes an aspect of praise (e.g. lifting hands; bowing down; playing an instrument, etc). It is important to understand this because it enriches our worship experience.

I really wish I had 'deep' things to share about worship.... All I know is 'be filled with God's Holy Spirit; read the Word; study and understand God's Word; love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour' then your worship will be true.

As you cultivate your relationship with Jesus, He will reveal other things very proportional/related to the investment in your relationship with Him. Spend more time with Him in the secret place and your worship will reflect that. NO amount of public worship/expression can make up for times we do not spend alone in His presence and of course PRIVATELY!

To worship God is to humble everything about ourselves and exalt everything about him.

BOB KAUFLIN

DELIVERED TO WORSHIP

Worshippers must know the reason why they do what they are doing. God delivers His people for a purpose or reason. The main reason why God saved us is that we worship Him. The children of Israel were delivered to Worship God. The verses below (extracted from the KJV) are authoritative on why God delivered His people.

Exodus 5:1 KJV: Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may [a]hold a feast to Me in the wilderness."

Exodus 7:16 KJV: And you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may [a]serve Me in the wilderness; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

Exodus 8:1 KJV: And the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

Exodus 9:1 KJV: Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

Exodus 19:30 KJV: And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

In the above verses there are words and phrases in bold which words God used to denote worship. God wanted Israelites to go that they may;

- Hold a feast to Him
- Serve Him
- Worship Him

GOD REQUIRES NOTHING ELSE BUT THAT PEOPLE MAY WORSHIP HIM

God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. We need to remember that Jesus set us from the bondage of sin so that we may worship Him. The core business why God set us free is to worship. Worship is all that God requires from us.

John 4:23 -24 KJV: 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

Jesus came the same way Moses was sent, to set us free so that we can Worship Him. In John 8:36 the Bible says, when Jesus has set you free, you will be free indeed, to have you worship God freely.

Galatians 5:13 KJV: For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

THE FREEDOM WE GOT IN JESUS CHRIST MUST NOT BE ABUSED

We abuse the freedom and liberty in Christ when we neglect the main purpose God set us free. In whatever we do, let us always remember that our core business is worship. Where core business is not known abuse is inevitable.

Colossians 3:17 KJV: And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:23 KJV: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

WHATEVER YOU DO MUST BE AN ACT OF WORSHIP

If you do things for God, you get rewards from God and not men. At the back of your mind, whatever you do in word or deed, remember you were saved to worship. The core business is to worship God. We are not doing things for ourselves but we are standing in for Him. God must receive His Glory.

GIVING GOD THE GLORY

All must be done to give God the glory. The moment we start wanting glory for ourselves, we are forgetting our core business. Be careful and watch your steps so you won't move away from the cross, and from your purpose. Don't wait for Sunday to exhibit Christ, everyone is a worshiper of God. Everywhere you are, is a place where God must be glorified. Everyone is created to worship God in His own way. We may do it in different degrees but ultimately God must be glorified.

Ephesians 5:17-19 KJV: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD

You need to know and understand the will of God, which is for you to be a worshiper of God. When you know the will of God, you won't go wrong. We can never worship God in Spirit when we are in the flesh. We must be filled by the Spirit so we can operate in the Holy Spirit Realm.

Lest We Forget....

Pastor Richard Chimbetete

UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD

When you go alone and do things your own way, nothing will ever work. You need the direction of the Spirit of God. Allow Him to fill you and overflow in you. When you give God the place you will never get lost. We have to learn to submit to the will of God. That means God's will should be our will because our will is mostly subject to the desires of the flesh. Even our Lord and Saviour stated that not His will should prevail but God's. He feared that His will could reverse God's leading to derailment of life. We need to remember that the will of God is important in our lives. When filled with the Holy Spirit, we do the will of God and we can do ministry (sing) one to another. Compliment your good/bad voice with the Spirit of God and you will be amazed at what will happen thereafter.

Mark 12:30-31 KJV - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

LOVING GOD

When we love God we are giving Him the worship He desires. We sing to one another but in your heart you sing and make melody to the Lord. When something is done from the heart it is seen and flows.

When you love God, you love people you worship with. A way to shop you freely in worship is to:

- Love God
- Love Yourself
- Love Others

GIVING TO OTHERS IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

We can also give God through a person.

Matthew 25:40 KJV: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

SUBMITTING TO AUTHORITY IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Criticising men in authority is not an act of worship. We must submit to one another in the fear of God.

- Husband love your wife
- Wife submit to you husband

SINGING PRAISES IS ANOTHER ACT OF WORSHIP

Psalm 47:6-7 KJV: Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Understand the base of any song you sing, understand the reason for singing a song. Know the alignment of the lyrics with scripture and check to whom the song is being directed.

WORK AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

We need to exhibit Christian values wherever we are. When at work, a Christian's work must exhibit the glory of God because everything we do should be an act of worship.

Ephesians 6:6 KJV - not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Never join the bandwagon of people who complain about their bosses or men in authority. When non-believers see us, they must see the glory of God through our conduct as believers.

We need to respect one another as an act of worship. We do not sing to each other but to God. Whatever we do or say in our social life should reflect the life of a worshipper; implying we are ever in worship!!! In whatever we do or say we should not grieve the Holy Spirit who apparently helps us in worship! That is why He convicts us of sin in order to keep us in check else we lose the integrity of a worshipper who has to worship in Spirit and in truth.

THANKING GOD AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

We need to always thank God. Thank God for everything that is happening in your life. In every season be thankful to God as depicted in Ephesians 5:20 KJV – giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must never rest until everything inside us worships God.

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The Authentic Worshiper

A genuine or authentic worshiper is one who knows why and what they are doing during worship. Be a worshiper first before you are a worship leader. Singing is not worship and worship is not necessarily singing, but when singing is done well it may be called worship. Whenever you stand before people, give God what He is requesting. It is possible to sacrifice something before God and He may not accept it. For example when Cain and Abel offered their sacrifices, God accepted Abel's sacrifice and rejected Cain's. As a worshiper, take time to offer a sacrifice acceptable to God. God is not desperate for worshipers. He can raise stones to worship Him He remains God with or without you (Luke 19:40). Worship is not doing God a favour. A genuine worship leader is one who offers his or body as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1). Remember he is looking for those who worship Him In SPIRIT and IN TRUTH. Be genuine, you can

1. THE ORIGIN OF WORSHIP

not trick God.

At times people mistake praise and worship as a time to wait for the preacher to minister, this is not so. However, praise and worship can prepare someone to hear God. Praise also creates an environment to worship God so that he can tabernacle in the hearts of men. Enough and proper praise attracts God's presence and leads people to minister before their God and at the same time have an experience with God.

It is important to note that, good voices and good music are only tools for worship. These tools are not worship in themselves. We must never lose our concentration and worship tools. What measures the success of your praise and worship is the ability to create an environment that attracts God to your situation. Praise creates an environment for us to worship. Praise and worship is not a time to prepare for a speaker to come and preach, it is time to worship God.

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Kings are supposed to be worshipped. If God is the King of all the universe, everything under His domain ought to worship Him. Everybody is supposed to be a worshiper of the true God. If you are a good citizen in the Kingdom of God you are supposed to worship the King. As long as you are under God, you are a worshiper of God. God expects everyone to worship Him. The only audience for praise and worship is God. No one is exempted from worshiping God because of their titles.

Keep these points in mind:

- Worship was there before you existed.
- Worship is not for you to enjoy but for God to have a great time.

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 Worship is not for whiling up time or prepare you to receive the preacher.

Ezekiel 28:13-15 KJV - Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

The above scripture shows that God valued worship to the extent that He created an angel who was responsible for worship in heaven. This shows that worship existed before preaching. When you want to invoke the manifest presence of God, then you have to engage in praise and worship. In heaven, the King of Kings is worshipped 24/7.

Before you try to lead others to worship God, make sure you are in it. A worshiper has two things to note as he/she worships:

- Praise and worship God
- Lead others to praise and worship God: You must cause others to praise and worship as you do the same.

2. PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

An authentic worshiper must understand his/her originality and uniqueness in worship. When God created man He saw something that was missing, which gap you were to fill, then He had to create people with specific characteristics and abilities that could fill the gap. When God is coming to you, he wired you in your own way and He will be seeking to see the things that He deposited in you manifesting.

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God is looking for "Your kind of Praise".

There is a space that you must fill which no one else can, your voice and speech is how God made it. The only thing you may need is to improve and develop yourself. Remain original, when God comes to you, He wants to hear you not another person. Never despise yourself and what God placed in you. Develop and improve yourself to become a better worshiper. The same effort you put in admiring and intending to be like someone else is being misdirected, instead take that same effort in developing yourself. Inferiority is caused by looking at what others have against what you don't have. To overcome this kindly work on yourself and improve.

3.WORSHIPER BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE KING

a) Have a relationship with the King - You must be acquainted to the King so that you may know how to address him. Know the words to speak before the king. The name of God must be handled in a special way - in a holy way. There is a way to prepare yourself to approach or get into the presence of a king. Pay special attention to protocol and know how to behave and present yourself. Read the word of God, pray so that you can be accepted before Him. God accepts the worship He is asking for, know what God wants and offer exactly that.

b) Connect with your Pastor – To be able to minister before God well know which songs to sing.

Connect to you Pastor and at times ask what songs to sing during ministration. If you want to be a blessing in ministry, connect to the heart of the man of God. Connect and understand the purpose of the gathering so that you are relevant to what is happening in the environment. Understand the realm of the seasons the church is in. You may sing right and in key but it may not be what God expects.

Whenever you stand before God give God what he expects. If you want to have a breakthrough in the ministry where you are planted, submit to the spiritual authority (pastor or visionary) in the house. Every worshiper must be there to develop the sound in your ministry/church. Carry the vision of your ministry. An authentic worshiper must accept who you are and embrace and be connected to your Pastor. Work on the little that God has given and you will see growth.

Psalm 133:2 KJV: It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

God is not desperate for your worship, you are not doing God a favour. When you worship God, you are actually doing yourself a favour. God can raise stones to worship Him. Worship must be more than the preparation you do. It is possible to stand before people and think you are doing a service before God. A worshiper must take time to prepare and offer your sacrifice.



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John 4:22-24 KJV: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"

Worship goes beyond singing and words. Worship is your attitude, and way of life. In fact, when you are mature and conscious of whom you serve, then there is no time in life that you are not worshipping. Scriptures did not say, "..those who sing" but it says, "..those who worship". Singing a worship song does not mean someone is worshipping. When the Scriptures say spirit and truth, it goes beyond words. It is possible to sing without worshipping, and it is also possible to worship without singing.

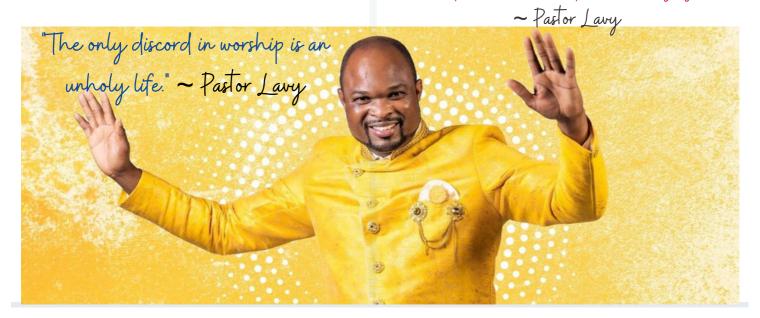
Therefore we can conclude that:

- Not all gospel singers are worshipers.
- It is not a worship song that qualifies a worshiper.
- Your voice does not qualify you to be a worshiper.
- Singing in a church gathering does not qualify a worshipper.
- Worshipers are not limited to singers.
- It is the ONLY salvation that qualifies a true worshiper. Only truly born-again believers can worship God.
- Worship has nothing to do with a place, race, or language because it is not in the realm of the physical/natural, but it is spiritual. The flesh cannot worship.
- Worshipers minister at the altar and singers perform on the stage.
- Worshipers are cognizant of the Father, yet singers are cognizant of the crowds or audience.



- Worshipers seek God's glory but singers seek man's applause.
- Worshipers are satisfied with God's presence but singers are satisfied with the presence of people.
- There is no discord in worship, but there is discord in singing. The only discord in worship is an unholy life.
- In worship, you do not need a crowd or audience because worship is personal and God-ward.
- In worship, your life matters, but in singing your voice matters.
- People can stop you from singing but no one can stop you from worshipping.
- You might need an invitation to sing but there is no invitation to Worship.

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Leading Worship

Pastor Josh Kays

Leading worship is a mammoth task and must never be taken for granted because it requires one to be sensitive to the move of the Spirit in that particular service or season. Leading worship in a way that connects with God, is something that every worship leader or gospel artist must pray and cry for. Yes you may have a song that is ministering to you in that season but it might not be the song that God wants you to sing in that service. However, because of lack of connectivity to God and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, we may seek to display our singing and vocal abilities, and end up missing what God had planned for that day.

Acts 17:28 says, In Him we LIVE, MOVE and have our BEING, which simply means as a worshipper, God is our environment, God is our stadium, God is our everything. We have to rely on Him for new songs. I have attended a service where you really know that the worshipper is singing to impress people and I have also been in one where you really feel that the worshipper has managed to understand that what he is doing is God's business not something to joke around with.

My encouragement to every worshipper is that God inhabits the praise of His children, so try by all means to get God's attention every time over people's attention. Whenever you are given an opportunity to minister understand that those 5 minutes you are assigned to minister can elevate your gift or kill your gift. Those 5 minutes can also make someone see God and be delivered or can make someone miss their opportunity to be delivered in the presence of God, because healing, deliverance happens in His Presence.

Key points to Worshipers

- Be a prayerful worshiper
- Read the word of God every time
- Be sensitive to the Holy Ghost
- Seek God's attention, not people's approval
- Be humble, you will be elevated by God in due time
- Put God first, everything else will follow you.

In addition to the key points to worshipers, true worship must also have the following hallmarks:

- There must be a clear understanding of why God is worthy of human worship.
- We must understand the right definition of worship. In other words, we need to render worship in the right and acceptable protocols and not just what makes us feel good.

- We must make sure that whatever we do is centered totally on the God we are directing our worship to and no one else.
- We must accept the fact that the way the recipient (God) of our worship desires to be worshipped may not be in keeping with what popular culture accepts and understands and therefore our worship must not be custom-made to appeal more to culture than to God.

Worship therefore starts with life that is devoted to God, surrendered to the authority of His person as enshrined in His Word. One also needs to carry a preparedness to suffer many things because of following His teachings and deep desire to see Him glorified in one's life and in the earth. A true follower of Christ must be prepared to die for Him.

Luke 9:23-24 KJV: Then Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it..."

Romans 12:1 KJV: Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (KJV)

The above scriptures encapsulate the true meaning of worship. If one ever sings another song or plays another keyboard but follow these, they will have the life of a true worshipper.

We can never impress God with our abilities. In fact the reason why we rehearse and put on uniforms and deck out our stages and put in LED screens and lighting is not to please God but to appeal to the human spirit. People are difficult to please. God is not really looking at all these things but He looks at how dead our old man is, how consecrated we are to Him.

Worship: Where God isn't moved by the quality of our voice but by the condition of our hearts.

Chris Tomlin

Basic Mysteries in Worship Minister Welcome Nhariswa

Worship is a subject that has been discussed and debated for a long time and this article will share basic mysteries that make worship what it is to God and to us.

1. THE POSITION WORSHIP TAKES IN GOD'S HEART

Worship is so dear to God that when Lucifer thought of becoming God, it was a sin not worth forgiving. The devil's sin was that of being lifted up with pride and the inner desire to be equal to God.

Isaiah 14:13 KJV: For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

The devil became who he is because he messed with God's Worship. He wanted to be like God. Worship is so dear to God that if he is to choose between anything and worship, he sticks to worship. Another thing that separates God and man is tempering with worship and not only sin. Sin pushes a man away from God and playing with worship pushes God away from men. Worship has a potential of taking you closest to God's heart when done right and if not it can take one furthest from God's heart.

Exodus 34:14 KJV: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

It is sad that the church has grieved God because the whole church program has very little time for that which is in the heart of God. The body of Christ has become so self-centred that the service is no longer about God and what He loves but about church programs and what people want done.

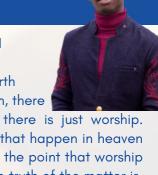
2. WORSHIP IS THE ONLY THING THAT GOD CANNOT

God is Almighty and all-powerful but He cannot worship. He needs worshipers to worship Him. Worship is given to God, however He cannot worship Himself. This then means worship is the best offering before God. If you want God's attention then be a worshiper. Believers must understand the privilege they have to be worshipers because they have a chance to give God what He cannot give to Himself.

1 Samuel 1:19 KJV: And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

3. IT IS THE ONLY MINISTRY ON **EARTH AND IN HEAVEN**

Worship is the only ministry on earth that we find in heaven. In heaven, there



is no evangelism or preaching there is just worship. Revelation 4, explains the sights that happen in heaven in an amazing way. This qualifies the point that worship is happening 24/7 in heaven. The truth of the matter is, we must have a strong desire to go to heaven where we will become everlasting worshipers. Therefore, worship is the only ministry that can extend heaven to earth. Therefore worship is a ministry that can extend heaven to earth. GOD is omnipresent, meaning He is everywhere but true worship extends His manifest Presence into a place. You are privileged as a worshipper to be able to share and experience heaven on earth as you worship God the right way.

4. WE DO NOT START WORSHIP, WE JOIN IN **WORSHIP**

We cannot start worship because it has always been ongoing since the foundations of the earth. Revelation 4, John 4:23 - now it - is a forever present noun, meaning every moment worship is happening, all we need to do is tune into the heavenly frequencies and connect. This is why John speaks of worship in spirit and truth. We do not use worship to get in the spirit, but worship starts in the spirit. We sing songs we hear from heaven not songs we enjoy or love. We must join the heavenly hosts in worship, and not we ourselves starting

John 4:24 KJV: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

"Worship has a heavenly source and this is a connection point that we need to download things from heaven and be effective on earth." AMEN

"Worship is everything that is in the Deity of God" -Minister Welcome

"Isn't it a comfort to worship a God we cannot exaggerate?" -Francis Chan

Worship Shots

Apostle Cleophas Tavaya

Worship goes beyond Emotions

In today's life, there are many things happening that may end up making you feel discouraged, unloved, unhappy, angry, forsaken, betrayed and the opposite is true. However, it does not mean that we don't have to worship God even when we are in such seasons of life.

One thing I have realised is that all these events that lead us to feel in a particular way will NEVER remove God from His throne because He is the all-knowing God. He is seeing everything that is happening in your life.

Worship must go beyond what you feel. Of course, some songs and music may make us feel in a certain way but we need to go further into the inner court and into the Holy of Holies where it will no longer be about emotions and feelings but where the TRUTH and SPIRIT meet. Pick yourself up from the feelings never be satisfied by the emotions and WORSHIP Him in Truth and in Spirit.

Humility in Worship

Romans 12:1 KJV: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

It is a very sad thing when God sees his children portraying an "I know it all" attitude in worship. At times be very genuine with yourself and seek for help. Seek the advice of men and women of God who have gone ahead of you.

On another extreme, there are other worshippers who are not available to help other fellow worshippers. Some would rather watch a brother struggling, than to help. Some go to the pinnacle of the mountain to tell the world the help that they gave to a struggling brother. Is this the humility God wants? In pride some have forsaken their fervency for God and even shipwrecked in the assignments God gave as they paid the price of pride.

As you lead worship, since it is all about God, submit to Him in humility and let God guide you through it all. On that song you are writing, on that concert, on that worship service you don't know it all, ask for God's help. I know it seems its automatic to you that the song will be the next hit because you have the best voice, all the experienced backing vocals, the best band, you have the money and everything it takes, BUT walk in HUMILITY before GOD and consult with him still. ALLOW THE LORD TO GUIDE YOU STILL.

Know God and Worship Him

It is one thing to KNOW God and it is another thing to WORSHIP Him. David encourages people to praise (worship) God with understanding (Psalm 47:7).

Romans 1:21–23 talks about the consequences that come on a man who knows God but choses not to worship Him.

In this day and age where many things are happening, gymnastics are being done in the name of worship, may we stay pure and true to the God we know and then ultimately worship Him.

May God help the church to stay pure and holy in our motives. At every revelation of God's character may we worship Him. Whenever God reveals Himself as a Healer, Faithful God, Holy God, Promise-keeper, Way-maker, make a choose to worship Him likewise.

When people KNOW God and chose not to worship Him:

- They become foolish in His sight,
- Light ceases to shine in their world
- End up seeking and giving in to other things that compete with God for attention that is idolatry.

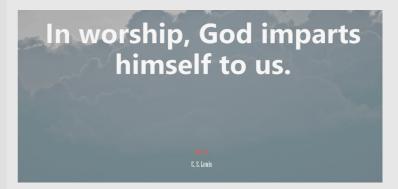
May the Lord help us to KNOW HIM and WORSHIP the RIGHT WAY.

Lessons from Genesis 22:1-14

This is a passage where we see the first appearance of the word WORSHIP & LOVE. There is a value that is placed on an issue according to the law of first use. This first appearance will always be a basis to future appearances of the issue.

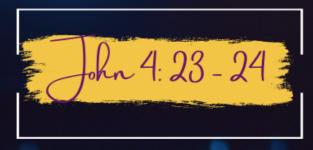
Key issues to consider from this passage are:

- Worship is initiated by God and man responds.
- Obedience to God's direction is key He knows where He is taking us, so rely on the leadership of the Spirit.
- In worship, it is never about what excites you but what excites God.
- Sacrifice and worship are interwoven, there is no worship without sacrifice.
- When we make God happy, He inhabits our worship and praise, He is invited to the scene.



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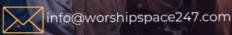
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