

JOY IN WORSHIP

- The Place
- The Call
- The Joy
- The Attitude

The lesson is entitled, "**Joy in Worship**".

Worship is a great drudgery to some, rather than a joy.

- [Mal.1:13](#) reads, "Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts;"

In contrast, See David's pleasure in worship.

- "I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord." ([Psa.122:1](#))

The Early church shows God's will for us.

- [Acts 2:42](#) reads, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Let us join David in the sentiment of joyful worship.

Notice first,

I. The PLACE of worship

- "the house of the lord."

A. God's house is simply the "place" where He dwells.

B. He does not dwell in buildings

- "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; ²⁵ neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;" ([Acts 17:24-25](#))

C. The Temple is insufficient, even in the Jewish system

- "will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" ([1Kgs.8:27](#))

D. He dwells in a spiritual house

- "in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." ([Eph.2:22](#))
- "ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **SPIRITUAL house**, an **HOLY priesthood**, to offer up **SPIRITUAL sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." ([1Pet.2:5](#))

E. So when we worship, we are in His Presence

- Because we are in His presence, we should reverence Him ([Heb.12:9](#))
- Because we are in His presence, we should
"Let **ALL** things be done **DECENTLY** and in **ORDER**." ([1Cor.14:40](#))

These two things can't be done, if there are constant distractions in the assembly.

Notice,

II. The CALL to Worship

- “Let us go” ...David said.

But, Why Go to Worship?

A. Because it is a natural, and necessary thing, for humans to do

The Word "worship" is found 190 times in the Bible.

- “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou **SHALT WORSHIP** the Lord thy God, and **Him ONLY** shalt thou **SERVE**.” ([Matt.4:10](#))

We are to make the True God, the OBJECT in Worship

- The Bible says, “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **WORSHIP GOD**.” ([Rev.22:8-9](#))

We are made this way; It's Not breed out or genetic.

- “As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
so panteth my **SOUL** after thee, O God.
² My **SOUL** thirsteth for God, for the living God:
when shall I come and appear before God?
³ My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?” ([Psa.42:1-3](#))

The Greek word ANTHROPOS, means "the upward-looking one."

So, Why Go to Worship?

B. Because our worship service rebukes evil, in one's life

Sometimes We Deceive Ourselves, and Tend to Think all is well.

- The Bible says, “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:” ([Rev.3:17](#))

If we are truly an “upward-looking one”,

In worship, we can see how little, and evil we are, as we look upon the One Supreme God.

- The Bible says, “**KEEP** thy foot (that is, watch your step) when thou goest to the house of God, and be **MORE READY** to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.
² Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.” ([Ecc.5:1-2](#))

Why Go to Worship?

C. Because worship makes the worshipper, like the worshipped

A False god, lowers worshipper's character.

- [1Kgs.18:28](#) reads, "they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them."

Worship of The True God, lifts up.

- [2Cor.3:18](#) reads, "But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Why Go to Worship?

D. Because Worship, reminds us of the values, which the world makes us forget

There is More in worship than what is seen or felt; Realities beyond what the senses reveal.

- "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." ([Jn.4:24](#))

Some are tempted in this world of things, to think there is nothing other, than what can be seen, or touched.

- The Bible says, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." ([Lk.12:15](#))

Now Let Us Consider,

III. The JOY in worship

- "I was glad.", David said.

A. Worship of God, Sure Did David Good

- "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not (be in) want." ([Psa.23:1](#))
- "thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." ([Psa.23:5b](#))
- "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." ([Jms.4:8a](#))

B. The Attitude of JOY, Demands Reverence

- "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him." ([Psa.89:7](#))
- "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" ([Heb.12:28](#))

C. The Worship of Christians is Truly an Offering of the Heart's Full Measure

- The Bible says, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart **TO the Lord**;" ([Eph.5:19](#))
- "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith," ([Heb.10:22a](#))
- "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name." ([Heb.13:15](#))

Notice,

IV. The ATTITUDE in Worship

Our attitude, should make us dependable, for assembling with the saints.

- “in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,” ([1Cor.5:4a](#))

Our proper attitude in worship, is because of,

A. The Father's Account

- “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” ([1Pet.3:12](#))

He's our Creator.

- “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
² Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
³ Know ye that the Lord, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.” ([Psa.100:1-3](#)) ...which shows gratitude, and honor.

He is our Father.

- “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:” ([1Jn.3:1](#)) ...In Worship, we meet with God's family.

Our proper attitude in worship, is because of,

B. The Son's Account

- John said, “in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.” ([Rev.1:13a](#))

He died for us.

- “who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” ([Rom.4:25a](#))

One missing sheep, causes Him anxiety.

- “How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? ¹³ And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.” ([Matt.18:12-14](#))

Our proper attitude in worship, is because of,

C. The Saints' Account

- “let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ 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.” ([Heb.10:24-25](#))

The Church is to be a WHOLE body.

- “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:” ([1Cor.12:22](#))

A missing stone, means an impaired building.

- “but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” ([1Tim.3:15](#))

Our proper attitude in worship, is because of,

D. On our own account

- “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.” ([Psa.19:14](#))

Coal from fire dies, without other logs.

And so, there is Great value to be with others, to help keep our spiritual fire going.

We could forsake worship with no loss,

IF we had no God to glorify.

- “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **DO ALL to the GLORY of God.**” ([1Cor.10:31](#))

We could forsake worship with no loss,

IF we had no Soul to save.

- “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” ([Matt.16:26](#))

We could forsake worship with no loss,

IF we had no Friends to influence.

- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” ([Matt.5:16](#))

We could forsake worship with no loss,

IF we had no Hell to avoid.

- The rich man, “he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.” ([Lk.16:24-25](#))

We could forsake worship with no loss,

IF we had no. Heaven to gain.

- “to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,” ([1Pet.1:4](#))

IN-CLOSING

Sometimes there are those who meet at the church building,
for reasons other than, Serving the Lord with acceptable worship...

Maybe they are following the way of their parents, without developing their own knowledge, faith, & conviction,
OR maybe they have a carnal attachment to the church building.

- Such reasons can't bring true "**Joy In Worship**".

The Bible says,

- "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **EVIL heart** of **UNbelief**,
in **DEPARTING** from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day;
lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." ([Heb.3:12-13](#))

Let US say, "**I Rejoice To Worship.**" As David did.

If you have not known blessings and promises, **TURN** from the burden of sin and satan's yoke, **TO God**.

- Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." ([Matt.11:28](#))
- "He that believeth **AND** is baptized shall be **SAVED**;
but he that believeth **NOT**, shall be **DAMNED**." ([Mk.16:16](#))

Please COME, while together, we stand and sing.

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