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# A Life-Expression of Worship

## Word of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord would say to you this day,

Prepare your hearts for the spiritual battles that are rising up against you. Enter into My gates with praise. Worship Me in spirit and in truth. Raise up the standard of the blood of the Lamb against that unfriendly foe. Take him down with the power of worship. Build the atmosphere for the power of My Spirit to inhabit. I inhabit the praises of My people. Freely share with one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Offer up to Me a life-expression of worship, and you will overcome in these days of tribulation.

The Spirit of God is releasing waves filled with supernatural healing power that are encompassing the earth for His glory. The first healing wave we are diving into is worship.

Worship is such an important part of our relationship with our Lord, and yet it can be so misunderstood by the Body of Christ. Because it is one of the major waves flooding the earth in these latter days, we cannot afford confusion or dissension among ourselves. Worship is a powerful tool to be wielded with skill and determination. We must cut

the enemy's cord of discord, plug into the power source of the Spirit, and learn to worship in spirit and in truth.

There are many ways to worship and different ways to play upon the strings of our hearts. We can worship with our words of faith, and worship with instruments with or without singing. We can vocalize our praise in our earthly languages or in our heavenly tongues. There are times when we worship with the volume turned down low as a whisper, and other times with strong shouts of praise. With reverent attitudes we raise our hands to worship the Lord, or on our knees with our heads bowed low—and at times we are prostrate and sprawled out across the floor.

During raging spiritual battles, we march with a militant attitude against the attack of the enemy. And other times we blow the shofar; and with timbrel in hand, we dance for jubilee. Our lives truly are expressions of worship to our Most High God.

## The Father Is Seeking True Worshipers

The Father is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. You might be wondering what it means to worship in spirit and in truth. God is Spirit; and when we become born-again, we become an eternal-spirit being bound for eternity with Him. But while on this earth He wants people who will worship Him in spirit, not the flesh.

And may I be perfectly clear here, this is not about the style of music you use during a gathering of believers. Quite frankly, you can sing the best-loved hymns and not unite with His Spirit. You can also have the most popular Christian artist sing his or her heart out and completely bypass the Spirit. You can even be somewhere in between the two and still compromise Holy Spirit. So, it is not about the type of music you wish to use during your times of community worship. And it's important to add that worship is not limited to singing and playing instruments, there are other ways to express our worship.

We have established that worship is more than singing praises to God, but there may remain a bit of confusion. Just what is worship? Worship is something we do that stems from a heart attitude that God has great value to us. And when we carry His value within our hearts and then enter into His habitat—where He is—we touch His heart with our hearts. And the only way to do this is to worship the One True God. Even if we are in the midst of a corporate time of worship with others, as true worshippers, we forsake all others around us and purposefully aim to minister to God alone.

Our Lord is yearning for us to enter into His domain—His presence. We do this by tapping into His heart, worshipping Him for who He is, honoring His deity, and acknowledging His greatness.

You may also be wondering what it means to worship Him in truth. It means having the revelation knowledge about who God is. When you know who He is, you believe in Him. You believe He is who He says He is, and has done exactly as He tells us in His Word—the Holy Bible. The only way to remain in the presence of the Spirit of Truth is to make a lifestyle out of the study of the Word of God. Continuously reading, studying, declaring, and living what His words tell us to do. The more we read and study the Word, the greater the revelation of who He is, and out of this truth comes the freedom and desire to worship Him—the Spirit of Truth.

*But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers (John 4:23 AMP).*

## **Worship Is a Matter of the Heart**

Worship is indeed a matter of the heart. It is a reflection of what is stored up in the heart for our Lord. As I meditate upon the act of worship, I

am reminded of the woman from Luke 7:36-50 who knows all too well that she is a sinner, but recognizes the Grace Giver—Jesus—to forgive her of her sins. And with a true heart of worship gives the best she has, a costly alabaster box of fragrant oil and begins to minister to Jesus by washing His feet with her tears filled with personal pain. And yes, as we read her testimony we see that a religious spirit rises up against her act of worship and devalues her gift to the Messiah, trying to shame her at the feet of her Lord.

But the grace of God has always and always will give His unmerited favor to the one who worships Him in spirit and in truth. This woman, despite her past that disqualifies her as one deserving of grace, overcomes the scorn of the religious community and the oppressing powers of guilt and shame. In doing so, she humbly positions herself at the feet of the One with the authority to forgive her and enters into the realm of the few who actually worship Messiah in spirit and in truth.

## Principles of Worship

The woman's actions involve the following principles of worship:

- Acknowledgment of who Yeshua is—the Grace Giver and Forgiver.
- Recognition of God's greatness by humbling herself at His feet.
- Giving the best she has—a costly alabaster box of fragrant oil.
- The personal gift of herself—her brokenness by shedding her tears.
- Ministering to the personal needs of Jesus—washing His feet.
- Defying the accuser.

## Celebration Worship

In Exodus 15:1-21 we read the jubilant songs of praise to God for the miraculous ways He rescued Moses and the Israelites from Pharaoh and his army. In the first nineteen verses we read the triumphant song of Moses and the sons of Israel. And in verses 20 and 21, we read of prophetess Miriam's joyful response and how she and the daughters of Israel with timbrel in hand set their feet to dancing and their mouths to singing songs of praise and worship for all the Lord God Jehovah had done for them.

This type of worship is loud, spontaneous, joyful, and filled with acts of lively worship such as dance, hand clapping, waving flags, jumping, marching, etc. This type of worship is described in Strong's H1984 as *hâlal*. A primitive root; to be clear (originally of sound, but usually of color); to shine; hence to make a show; to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively to celebrate; also to stultify.<sup>1</sup>

Psalm 100:1-5 encourages us to:

*Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.*

I realize that times are tough for many, but we need to activate the supernatural power of the joy of the Lord in our lives again. This celebration worship is just what the Great Physician, our Lord Himself, would have us do to heal and break off the spirit of heaviness. It's uplifting to sing of the good reports of all that the Lord has done and

continues to do for us. These tunes of celebration worship seem to stick around in our mind and emotions—as if clinging to a refreshing word.

## Actions of Worship

Actions of worship involve the following principles:

- Corporate worship
- Lively songs, rhythm instruments, and dancing
- Joyful and loud

Together they proclaim the marvelous acts of God and acknowledge Him as Deliverer.

## Warfare Worship

Body of Christ, we are facing real fiery times. The heat of the world's spiritual furnace is heating up against us. Our enemy, satan, knows full well that his time is short. And his main goal is to steal, kill, and destroy us in any way he can with the limited time he has left. With this being said, we need to be aware that his attacks against us will be sudden, strong, and wicked. His desire is that we recant our faith and turn our backs on our Lord and Savior. He and his demonic force are stoking the furnace in their efforts to stop and defeat us. How do we overcome this great evil in these last days? We fan the flame of devotion and honor, and worship the Lord's most holy name.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego faced the same fiery trial—bow to the idol or face death (see Daniel 3). They were given the opportunity to recant their faith, but they boldly held their ground, even though this meant death by fire for choosing not to deny God, the Father. And even though they obeyed God, we should make note that they still had to face the consequences of their defiance to the evil-driven Nebuchadnezzar and enter into that fiery furnace.

But they had settled in their hearts to remain faithful to the One True God and face pain, suffering, and even death. Taking a stand against the evil of this world is to enter into spiritual warfare. God could have rearranged events and spared them from this suffering, but He did not. What He did instead was allow them to operate in the realm of extreme warfare worship and put their lives on the line for their love for God.

What I am building up to say is that yes, we are facing real fiery times now as believers—and at the same time, God is using our lives as a witness of worship to Him to the world. Will we activate our faith through these burning hot times and allow ourselves to pass through whatever the consequence may be to worship our Lord? And how do we submit ourselves to such possible consequences? We submit by:

- Pledging our allegiance to God
- Taking a stand of faith against evil
- Refusing to give in to the spirit of fear
- Trusting God with our lives
- Declaring words of faith
- Acting on our words of faith

A real-life possibility for us in these turbulent times could be that we have to take the “mark of the beast” or face negative consequences and be denied basic necessities such as food, shelter, work opportunities, health insurance, and medical attention. We could even face death.

Revelation 14:9-11 warns us about the eternal consequences if we receive the mark of the beast:

*...If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented*

*with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.*

Being familiar with the Scriptures, we know we have to take a stand against evil and refuse to deny God. We can only do this by pledging our allegiance to God first—being completely sold out for Jesus. This means putting our trust completely in the hands of God—even with our very lives and well-being. We cannot give in to a spirit of fear; rather we must declare words of faith and act upon them.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego did this very thing. Their famous words of faith to King Nebuchadnezzar are recorded in Daniel 3:17-18:

*If that is the case, **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.***

The only way these three men or any one of us could step up to the plate of faith and declare such dedication to our God is if we first activate the power of worship that is true and of the Spirit. God is requiring each of us to lay our faith on the line through these times of trials and persecution and allow our lives to be an expression of worship for Him and for others to witness our testimony.

These men of God did just that—and supernaturally they did not die, their clothing did not even smell of smoke. Others saw that Jesus was with them in that blazing fiery furnace; and as a result, the heart of King Nebuchadnezzar was won over to God.

*Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down (Daniel 4:37).*

The fiery furnace we face may not be an actual furnace, it may be a disease raging against us, or family relationships, or a myriad of other issues. But whatever it may be, no matter the intensity of the blazing flames of the ungodly furnace we face, true worship will give us the grace and strength we need to enter into warfare worship and overcome.

The following are three Scripture verses about living life with worship to strengthen your faith:

- I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being (Psalm 104:33).
- Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6).
- Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name (Psalm 63:3-4).

## **We Are Kings and Priests unto God**

Do you realize that if you are a born-again Christian, you are a priest? The Bible says in First Peter 2:9 that we are a royal priesthood. But let's face it, most of us are uncomfortable with the title "priest." In fact, when we hear the term priest, what comes to our minds is a picture of a man wearing a special collar or robe sprinkling people with holy water. Right? That makes us feel uncomfortable with who God called us to be—a priest unto Himself.

But perhaps, if we remove the religiosity from the term priest and learn what our duties as a priest unto God are, we will be more comfortable with this calling from God, our Father. What is a priest? A

priest is someone who approaches God on behalf of others. A priest is an intercessor. And whenever we pray for others, we are fulfilling our priestly duty.

*But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).*

Not only are we called by God unto His priesthood, but to a royal priesthood. In other words, we are of royal blood—the atoning blood of the Messiah. Knowing that the confirmation of two or three witnesses is very important to establish a truth, let's gaze upon a second witness from Revelation 1:5-6 and discuss what it has to say about this matter:

*And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us **kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Did you catch that? Yeshua, also made us “kings” to His God, the Father as well.

Kings are of royal blood, they are given authority to rule and reign. We as believers live so far below what God has created us for. We are given authority to rule and reign over satan and all of his wicked works (see Luke 10:19), and with this same authority we are to subdue the earth, and have dominion over it (see Genesis 1:26-29).

As priests and kings unto God, what do we do with this calling?

## Build Your Sanctuary for God

We should have a quiet place with God. A place we go to get away from the noise and the distractions in life. I know of families that have

actually built a chapel onto the side of their house, equipped with an altar and all. But most of us can't do this, nor do we need to. The sanctuary I'm speaking of is not built with human hands, but with the heart.

I've had several different settings for my personal sanctuary with God. When we lived in Guatemala, my sanctuary was on the flat rooftop of the house under the stars when everyone else was safely tucked in bed. And I have to admit, I miss this spiritual place.

My first night in fulfilling the priestly calling, while praying in my heavenly tongues, I dedicated the rooftop as my sanctuary, my special place to God. I spread anointing oil over that place. I walked that rooftop under the stars and interceded as Holy Spirit directed. While doing so, I saw the first of many supernatural events that would take place on that rooftop.

That night while walking around my newly dedicated sanctuary, I saw a big ball of fire appear in front of me. I will be honest; at first, it unnerved me. Whether I turned to the right or to the left it followed me. I actually tried to step back and away from it, but there was nowhere to go. It then moved to the very center of the rooftop in direct alignment to where I was standing and it hovered for a slight moment, then it came with great speed right at me and upon me. And from that time forward, there was an increase in anointing; even people attending healing events see the angels traveling with me. They even see balls of fire leading them to the meeting place.

Very few people have ever been invited to come to my personal sanctuary and pray with me under the starlit sky. And those who were, witnessed what became common to me—angelic activity of a unique nature. While I would be walking and interceding under the guidance of Holy Spirit, when I would finish praying through an issue, I would see not falling stars, but ascending stars. I knew that I had prayed through the issue to its completion.

My ministry assistant, Palma, came to stay with us for a month in Guatemala. She was up on the rooftop with me, and to her delight she was amazed to see the very distinct ascending stars as we prayed through issues in life.

When I entered into warfare intercession, I sometimes saw fireballs come to the rescue with great force, landing on the ground of the children's home where we lived.

Now that I live in a populated area, the starlit sky is not as obvious, and I don't have a flat rooftop, so I have had to create another sanctuary. It's not so much about where you build your sanctuary, but when you enter it. Part of my current sanctuary is when I walk early in the morning for about one and a half to two hours, praying in the Spirit and in my earthly language. I praise the Lord. I declare His promises over me, my family, and the ministry. And I tell you, because of this lifestyle of worship in times of worshipful prayer—I am blessed.

You may be curious and wonder if I still have supernatural activity in my life—absolutely! I carry my sanctuary with God in my heart everywhere I go.

Almost every morning my ministry assistant walks over to our home and we pray in my office in the Spirit together as Holy Spirit leads us into the prophetic realm. My office is filled with supernatural activity too. He usually has us intercede not only for the ministry and our families, but also for the political arena and for end time events happening all around the world, and for our local pastor. In this sanctuary built with the heart, Holy Spirit takes us on spiritual journeys wherever He wills us to be to intercede with precision.

This is my quiet place, my sanctuary with God that I have built with my heart, not with my hands. I encourage you to do the same.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

## Sharing in Corporate Worship

*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:15-17).*

When following these scriptural guidelines, sharing in corporate worship when led by the Spirit is an amazing atmosphere for Holy Spirit to flow in and throughout the congregation. The benefits during this time are endless and not limited to human knowledge. When sharing in corporate worship like this, people are built up by the message of the Word, ministered to in the realm of the prophetic, are uplifted from the heaviness of the world, and healed and made whole in spirit, soul (mind and emotions), and in their physical bodies.

What is the difference between psalms and hymns and spiritual songs? Let's begin with psalms, which come from the Book of Psalms filled with verses of praise that were written by men under the inspiration of Holy Spirit to encourage our hearts during difficult times in life. A hymn is a song that we sing to praise, honor, and show our thankfulness to our Lord. Spiritual songs are not necessarily filled with praise and worship, but are founded upon the Scriptures and carry spiritual themes.

We should not fear submitting ourselves in sharing our corporate worship to the Lord in this manner, especially pastors. With your teaching and a little guidance, God's people will learn to follow the lead of Holy Spirit and enter into His presence with a fresh move of the Spirit that no one could have directed but God Himself. This will enrich and engage the people when you gather together. Free yourself to enter into this powerful realm of worship.

## Corporate Worship

Corporate actions involve the following principles of worship:

- Corporate unity
- Spiritual sensitivity to Holy Spirit
- Act of faith to share in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, and singing with grace
- Giving of thanks to our Lord

### Giving—an Act of Worship

Giving is a form of worship and reveals what we treasure. We read in Matthew 6:21, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* God loves a cheerful giver, which is explained to us in Second Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV), *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.**”*

To be a cheerful giver unto the Lord, we have to first *love God* and *value what He values*; and even more so, is the need to recognize *all we have comes from the Lord*. When we have these three points in order, we can be that cheerful giver who sows bountifully, generously. Our giving becomes well-pleasing to the Lord as an acceptable offering, a form of worship to Him.

In the realm of giving, we need to remember that we are to give tithes—a tenth of what we take in—to the place that feeds us spiritually. We receive our instructions for this in Malachi 3:10:

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for*

*you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”*

This tenth does not belong to us, it belongs to God. We are to give it to our local church so that the Word of God can be preached in our own neighborhoods. God wants us to offer this financial support with a joyful heart.

Offerings is anything above the tithe that we give. One area that is on God’s list of priorities in this life is found in James 1:27: *“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”* The care of orphans and widows is of extreme importance to God, our Father. And when we give to help them, we give directly to the Lord.

*Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

*Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?” And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:34-40).*

There are many ways to give to advance the Kingdom of God, but we need to make sure our giving is actually honoring and worshipping Him, especially in these last days. We should only give offerings to

ministries that are truly Christian based, where the full Gospel message of Jesus Christ is welcomed, endorsed, and shared.

Remember, giving is an act of worship and reveals what we treasure most.

## Giving

Our actions of giving involve the following principles of worship:

- Honoring God with our tithes.
- Giving with joy unto the Lord.
- Worshiping God with our offerings.
- Supporting widows and the orphans.
- Using wisdom and giving only to ministries and organizations that are truly Christian.

## The Power of Worship

God has given to us many spiritual weapons to fight our enemy; one of these weapons is the power of worship. Unadulterated worship is filled with supernatural power. We must not forget this in the days ahead of us. Regardless of what we the Church must face, let us hold on tight to this strategy for victory found in Revelation 12:11 (NIV): *“They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*

There are shining examples of victory throughout the Word of God to encourage our faith—let’s review a few.

## The Walls of Jericho Fall Down

In the Book of Joshua, chapter 6, we read the amazing testimony of how the walls of Jericho actually fall down. God gives a clear battle plan that is a bit out of the ordinary, and it involves the power of worship.

God instructs Joshua to have his army march around the city once a day for six days in a row. While marching, the soldiers sound their trumpets as the priests carry the Ark of the Covenant around the city of Jericho.

On the seventh day, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho seven times. And then at Joshua's command, the men release a powerful shout, and Jericho's walls miraculously fall down. The army races in and conquers the city.

I believe this is recorded not just for the sake of history, but to show us how we are to fight and overtake our enemy by the supernatural power of worship.

## **Delivered from Chains**

Another amazing real-life story that involves the power of worship is from the New Testament in the Book of Acts, chapter 16. Again, this is not recorded just for history's sake, but for us to learn from Paul and Silas' example of faith and how to use the power of worship to free us from very difficult circumstances.

Paul and Silas suffer great pain and persecution after Paul casts a demon out of a slave girl. Her disgruntled masters were angry because they made their living using this possessed girl, so they dragged these two men of God to the marketplace and charged them before the authorities for sharing the Gospel and practicing what they preach. Paul and Silas were whipped and beaten, put in chains, and imprisoned.

But instead of wallowing in their pain, Paul and Silas began to pray, sing, and worship their God, which caused a supernatural transformation in the atmosphere and caused the earth to quake, open all the prison doors, and broke not only their chains but other prisoners' chains as well.

The guard woke up in a panic and was about to take his own life for fear that the prisoners escaped. But Paul and Silas called out to him,

assured him that they were all there, and led him to the Lord. This newly saved guard took them to his home, fed them, tended to their wounds, and they walked away free to continue with the work of the Lord.

Dear church friend, we need to remember that worship is a powerful weapon that releases supernatural intervention during troubling and unbearable situations. It's time to worship in spirit and in truth as we move into the most amazing time in our history. And though we may pass through great trials and persecutions, we are equipped with the power of worship that will cause us to pass from one victory to another victory.

## A Constant State of Worship

Imagine, if you will, with your spiritual eyes this scene from Heaven described in Revelation 4:2-11:

*Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

*Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within.*

*And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

*Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*

*"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."*

I have always been fascinated with the constant state of worship around the throne of God. Because it is going on in Heaven with such fervor, then it must be extremely important for us to know and to do on earth as well. As I write this, I hear these words in my spirit from the Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13, *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...."* Worship is happening around God's throne continuously, and it should be happening around the clock in our lives as well. And it can be when we walk in the revelation knowledge about worship.

I often hear myself during times of deep intercession cry out these words of worship, *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come."* And there are times I will declare these words of worship over and over again, not in vain repetition do I say these words, but with faith. These words of worship are declared in the third heaven by the four living creatures and bring great comfort to me knowing that our God has always been, and is, and will always be the Great I AM. Hebrews 13:15 teaches us of a continual sacrifice. Let's read about this from the New Living Translation of the Bible: *"Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name."*

When I break into this type of intimate worship, whether I am by myself or with a group, while declaring His greatness I can't help but fall to my knees in another dimension of worship like the twenty-four elders do when they hear the four living creatures cry out about God's supremacy. It's almost as if this type of worship weakens the knees of the created beings—us—as we come into the presence of our Creator. The Hebrew meaning of this type of worship is found in Strong's #1288 and is the word *barak*, which means to bless and to kneel.<sup>2</sup> In this realm of worship we literally fall to our knees and bless the Lord with words of praise and adoration.

### A Life-Expression of Worship

Am I suggesting to you here that we are to worship the Lord 24/7 like these four living creatures around the throne? I guess I am, but perhaps not in the way you think I am. I am not suggesting that we put on a religious spirit and become legalistic about how we worship—rather that we get real with God and authentic with our worship. I don't believe we are to separate our worship from our daily living. Our lives need to become a living expression of worship to God.

Am I demeaning the action of vocalizing our worship to God—certainly not! But I am expanding upon the idea that our worship is to be more than mere words spoken, as heartfelt as they may be. We need to extend our worship into our daily lives and actually live in such a way that glorifies and pleases our Lord.

Allow me to make a comparison between these four living creatures and us. And yes, they are unique in their design, having six wings, and full of eyes around and within. But even though they are a unique creation group, even among themselves they have their created differences: the first one has the appearance of a lion; the second appears as a calf; the third has the face of a human; and the fourth is like a flying eagle. They are positioned to a specific region—around the throne—and their

purpose is to worship. Despite their distinct features, they may be created more like us than we think.

As far as creation is concerned, God created us to be unique too, we are the only created beings designed in His image: *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them”* (Genesis 1:27). We have been positioned in a specific region: *“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings”* (Acts 17:26). And not only are we unique in our design and positioned to a specific region, we are also created with a special purpose in mind: *“For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,” says the Lord, ‘plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope’*” (Jeremiah 29:11 AMP).

How do we do this? How do we make our lives an expression of worship twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the rest of our days on earth, especially during such unsettling times like now? Let me propose a very loose plan, and you fill in all the details; after all, it’s your life to live and your expression of worship to give to God.

*“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). In other words, if you are a husband, become the best husband you can be and love your wife like Jesus loves the Church. You lay down your life for her. You are faithful and have eyes only for her. You build her up and encourage her. You protect her from anyone who wishes her harm. And you see to it that her daily needs are met. When you do these things, you follow the example of our Lord well.

If you are a mother, raise your children up in the ways of the Lord. Don’t just tell them, but show them by your daily example what it means to be a Christian. Allow them to see and hear you read the Word. Teach the lessons of the Bible to them. You may miss it from time to time, but when you do, be the first to demonstrate the power of forgiveness and

ask them to forgive you first, and help them do the same. Make sure they are well equipped with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Galatians 5:22-23). You do well in the mothering of your children when you raise them in the ways of the Lord.

If you call yourself a lawyer, then be a godly one and allow justice to prevail in every case that is presented to you. Care more about the well-being of your clients than you do about feathering your pockets. And make sure they know that you are not just a lawyer, but a Christian lawyer who is willing to pray with them for peace. And you, yourself, seek God on how to bring justice to the situation.

If called by God to be a pastor, feed the sheep, prepare them a hearty spiritual meal, tend to the lambs, watch over them, and see to it that they are growing in the things of God. Also know that if your own household is not in order, you are not prepared to stand behind that pulpit.

Perhaps you work in car sales? If so, be honest and sell people the best car you have for the most affordable deal you can give them. If something is wrong with the car, disclose that information to them. If it's a lemon of a vehicle, don't sell it. Let customers know you are a Christian who sells cars—build a reputable business, one that Jesus could sign His name to.

Oh, you're in politics? Humble yourself and serve the people who voted for you to represent them. Keep the law of the Lord in the center of your heart, which is to love God and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Everything you do draws from your love for the Lord.

Whatever you do in this life, do it in such a way that it truly becomes an expression of worship.

*Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight,*

*through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*  
(Hebrews 13:20-21).

Again, I do believe that worship is to be an expression of a life dedicated to God. If we will take action to implement these different forms of worship, not only will we worship Him in spirit and in truth, but our lifestyle will transform into a 24/7 song that sings the praises of God.

Now that we have a better understanding about worship—that it isn't a weekly worship service, but is meant to be a life-expression—in the next chapter we turn our attention to contemplating what it means to plunge into the deep with Holy Spirit, and what we must do in these turbulent times to do so.

## Prayer

*Father God, I dedicate my lifestyle to You as an expression of worship. During fiery trials I keep my eyes true to You. I look to no other for help, because I know my help comes through You. You are the only One who is worthy of my praise. Whether with my words or actions, I worship You in spirit and in truth. In Your most holy name I pray, amen.*

## Faith Assignment

Your faith assignment for this chapter is to reread the message under the subtitle, Build Your Sanctuary for God. Give thought and consideration on how you will build your sanctuary, and begin to use it daily. Keep a record of thoughts, answered prayers, prophetic visions and utterances that take place each day. Review this record book often and begin to worship God for answered prayers.

*Questions to Ponder and Answer for Chapter 2: A Life-Expression of Worship*

1. Your life is to be what?

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2. The Father is seeking those who will do what?

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3. What does worship reflect?

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4. Describe celebration worship.

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5. List six steps to overcoming fiery hot situations.

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6. What is a priest's role?

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7. Jesus made you a king unto God; what did He give you to fulfill this position?

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8. How do you build your personal sanctuary for God?

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9. What types of things can happen during corporate worship when guided by the Scriptures?

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10. How is worship happening around God's throne?

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11. What does *barak* mean?

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12. Where do you need to extend your worship?

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13. How do you make your life an expression of worship twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the rest of your days on earth, especially during unsettling times?

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### Personal Assessment

Have I misunderstood worship in the past? Do I have a clearer understanding of it now? Did I know that I was a priest and a king unto God? Have I been fulfilling these spiritual positions in my life? Or do I need to make some changes to fulfill these callings? Have I built a sanctuary with my heart for the Lord? Do I enter into my sanctuary on a daily basis? Or do I need to be more dedicated? Have I allowed my life to be an expression of worship? If not, how might I change my life-expression to that of worship?

## Group Discussion

As a group, discuss what it means to be a priest and a king unto God. Be honest and discuss how you feel about these callings? Talk about different positions in life and how we might better fulfill these positions so that we can worship God in every area of our lives, including our life professions. Together as a group, enter into warfare worship over a current cause that is negatively affecting your area, life, or country.

## Notes

1. Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number H1984; *hálal*; <https://studybible.info/strongs/H1984>; accessed May 22, 2020.
2. Bible Hub; *barak*; <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1288.htm>; accessed May 22, 2020.