

Worship

November 03

Aremotobi

Can you please show thy emoji as we set to get into Bible study!

If you know this song, just sing along under your breath.

Where two or three are gathered,

Lord you said, you'll be there

Lord we are here.

We honour your presence

Lord we ask that tonight you grant us Light.

We see light in your light Lord.

Let your word come to us with simplicity, understanding and power.

And the people of God will say..

This week we will be looking at WORSHIP under the following heading.

1. The Heart of worship.
2. Worship; A key to Joy Spring
3. Worship; A place of alignment.

Today we will focus on ***THE HEART OF WORSHIP***

The subject of worship is one that we have been exposed to at one time or the other.

We've been told that worship is much more than the music, you know _'worship continues when

the music stops'._

We have also been taught at different time that worship is in how we live our lives daily.

Both are not wrong and are not even separate.

Both angles have given us better insight into worship.

Before we go on,

Question: Can someone please define worship?

Your own definition of what worship is.

It doesn't have to sound 'deep'.

Answer: I see worship as heightened adoration for someone or something

Answer: Worship is a form of communion with the father.

Worship is a place/state where you hold another party in high regard and you show it(maybe) could be solemn.

Awesome.

Thanks Victoria.

Hold then show

Worship in simple terms can be consistently, consciously and constantly being aligned with the Father.

Whether it is in actions, words or music, ***being in step with God is the true Worship.***

*_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. ***God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship***

Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* _

John 4:23-24 AMP

From here on, worshipping the Father will not be a matter of the ***right place but with the right heart.*** For God is a Spirit, and he longs to have sincere worshipers ***who worship and adore him in the realm of the Spirit and in truth.****

John 4:23-24 TPT

Man is Spirit, Soul and Body.

The real man being the Spirit.

The soul is the bridge between the Spirit and the Body.

So, worship in it's real sense is not intellectual. It can express emotions, but It isn't emotional.

Worship is a spiritual reality

True worship has its root in the Spirit!

It doesn't stem from flesh, it stems from the spirit.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

We have spent much time on trying to understand what each of these three covers but what is key is that we are to love God ***with all our powers and all our facilities!***

And that is worship defined.

The focus of our worship

When we live our lives as a ministration unto God, that is worship.

God is the focus of our worship, not what we want. Not the worship leaders encouragement. Not the Pastor (I know some worship leaders pick particular songs because they feel the pastor likes the song † σ)

God is the focus of worship

*_Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, ***to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.***_*

Romans 12:1

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, ***as working for the Lord***, not for human masters

Colossians 3:23

Worship is an external expression of an internal reality.

That expression shows us agreeing with God.

Whether it is in what is said, in our opinions of certain things, in how we treat others, or in our daily jobs, ***that is worship.***

Worship is agreement with God

That is the life we have been called to.

When we fully understand this, you would find that the musical expression of worship becomes easier.

The lyrics suddenly makes more meaning, some lyrics you find yourself changing too.

With eyes on your spiritual reality, you can properly express these things outwardly.

Some songs that you call old school, suddenly makes sense!

That's one of the reasons why the things you say to yourself is important.

The reality you are aware of is the reality you express.

That's why sometimes it looks like a struggle to serve God.

What spiritual reality are you holding on to?

Let's consider Abraham quickly.

Abraham.

_Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love--Isaac--and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." _

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about

Genesis 22:2-3

Abraham was in agreement with God.

That act was worship.

If you go through the book of Leviticus you'll see how worship is used in line with various forms of sacrifice.

Because the outward reflects an internal state.

True worship then is defined by the level of priority we place on WHO God is in our lives and WHERE God is on our list of priorities.

I repeat, worship isn't exactly that outward display.

Worship is the state of the heart that influences that outward display

It is possible to have these expressions without truly worshipping.

I can give large offerings, give alms, sing worship songs, maybe even lead the worship team, and yet all I am doing is just 'mouthship' if y heart is not right. If God is not my priority.

I could be doing it for what I could get.

It is impossible, however, to place God as priority and not be able to give these expressions.

If God was a means to getting a son for Abraham, after Isaac came, that would have been the end.

He wouldn't have even moved when God ~asked~ told him to kill Isaac, but he was ready to!

He moved immediately.

Chai!!

Why?

Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead

Hebrews 11:19

See that?

Put the Genesis 22 scripture and this together and you can see that ***Abraham knew who God was and God was number ONE for him.***

God was his priority.

Not the promise, but the one who gave the promise.

Who is number one on your priority list?

That is at the core of worship - ***Priority***

One of the key ways to grow in this heart of worship is knowing that

God loved you first!

_ " We love each other because he loved us first" _

1John 4:19

_ "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." _ ***Romans 5:8***

Let that always be before you.

Let that sink in.

CHRIST LOVED YOU FIRST.

Christ loved me first.

That should well up a spring of love and joy within your heart!

It is is love that gave you the capacity to live and love!

All your "Love and Light" is because He gave you His love and light!

Christ Loved you first.

Christ, life himself, loved you, even when you were dead.

Dead things belonged to the grave.

Dead things should be thrown away.

Dead things do not deserve this depth of love, yet, Christ loved us.

Christ Gave his life for us. Gave us his life. We became alive!!!

Hallelujah!!!

Please say with me!

I love you because you first loved me!

I host your presence!

You are priority to me, Lord!

I am of the generation marked by your love!!

I know you Lord!

I know your heart, Lord!

I am a carrier of your presence and essence!!!

I am a carrier of your love!!

I am purified, righteous and set apart for you Lord!!!!

Hallelujah!!!

Everytime we focus on our spiritual reality, expressions of worship becomes easy.

It is not forced.

It is true.

As we wrap up,

Let's just sing this song together focusing on our spiritual reality of love, holiness, righteousness and the very life of God!

I am yours.

You are mine

Now and forever!!

And as you sing as that the Lord help you see what you have placed as priority in your life.

If it isn't God, ask that He helps you displace it and help you make God number ONE!!!

We make God our priority ABOVE ANYONE AND ANYTHING ELSE!!!

If you are still with me, please pick just one word that describes God and your spiritual reality and just keep echoing it till it resonates in our heart.

E.g

Holy

Righteous

Gracious

Love

Light

Just one word!

Holy

Holy

Lord God Almighty!

Lord, As we make you our priority, we enjoy the fullness of your presence.

You teach us to live our lives as a living sacrifice unto you!

Daily.

Continually.

Consistently.

We live our lives for you!!

In Jesus name!!

Amen!!!!

November 05

Lord Jesus we thank you for your word.

It is beautiful to know that you have pulled us close to you.

Thank you for your Spirit in us that is leading us into all truth.

Open our eyes to see this evening and let our lives be the better for it.

In Jesus name we pray.

Welcome to Bible study part 2.

On Tuesday, we touched on the ***heart of Worship.***

We discussed that ***Worship is an external expression of an internal reality***, amongst many other definitions I mentioned.

Using Abraham as a case study, we looked at how ***making God a priority is at the heart of worship.***

Today, we will be looking at ***WORSHIP; A key to Joy Spring.***

If you followed closely on Tuesday and you aligned with the confessions and focused on your reality in Christ, you would agree with me that a level of Joy was welling up in your heart...and if you by chance continued, you will find that strength was released unto you internally.

And this happens even in services that the focus is on the finished work of the Cross.

[05/11, 17:39] Aremotobi: Our theme for this month is ***"Joy Spring"***

When God dropped this in my heart I was glad.

Why?

We are in times when physically there is really nothing to be joyful about.

The issues going on with the police, the inflation rate in the country causing N20 onions to be sold for N100, ASUU strike is a different ball game entirely , seemingly pausing the life of people...and the list goes on.

So, ***looking at things physically,*** there is really nothing to be joyful about!!

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But then God is a God that does not work with the operations of this world.

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His ways are different from the way the world operates.

The world says, as a leader be Boss.

God says as a leader, be a servant.

The world says if someone hit you, return it double fold bad sharp sharp.

God says, turn the other cheek.

The world says, when there is trial, wail.

God says when there is trial, count it as nothing, but joy!!

That's how we do in the kingdom.

So simply put, what God is asking us to do this season is to ***keep our eyes on our heritage and reality and let our assurance come from there!!***

*_"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, ***by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"***_*

Romans 8:15

Knowing our reality of having the spirit of sonship should propel us to let out a shout of "Abba Father!"

Sometimes, when reading the scriptures try reading it out loud and personalizing it and see what happens!

There is a release of Joy from within us hearing about our reality!

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Because our reality is always a good news

Chai!

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[05/11, 17:46] Aremotobi: Good news!

Even when it looks bad, there is a good being worked out for us!

For we know that all things are working together for the good of

- those who love God.

- Those who are called according to his purpose

I qualify, so I know that I THE END IS ALWAYS GOOD!

What does SPRING mean?

Google says:

_ "move or jump suddenly or rapidly upwards or forwards. "_

*_ ***Joy will be that factor that will move us upward and forward this season.*** _*

Hallelujah!

That is why there will be a lot of things that will attack your Joy this season.

Expect it, but rejoice because man do not give this joy so man cannot take it!!!

Hallelujah!

This joy is not self imposed.

You do not motivate yourself into this kind of Joy.

You do not whine yourself to possess and express this kind of Joy.

Psalm 16:11

*_ "You make known to me the path of life; *in your presence there is fullness of joy;* at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." _*

This joy is found in the presence of God.

Remember we talked about how ***worship is a conscious living in the realities of God,*** that is you being mindful of the presence, joy dwells there!

When we come to the place of worship either in confession or musical expression with our eyes focused on our new creation realities, ***what we experience is that joy of the Holy Ghost outpouring into us.***

The joy of the Lord is moving me upward and forward!!!

Please declare loudly!!

James 1:2

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

When you live in worship conscious of your reality, when things happen, you know it is about your faith, this helps you rejoice.

Why?

It is God that worketh in you both to will and do!!

The testing of our faith always produces positives when we respond with joy!

That Joy expands your vision to see beyond the circumstance as your feet are firmly planted in the realities of God.

Suddenly, decisions become clearer, mistakes are made known through Joy!

Please note, this isn't just a regular screaming or shouting, it is spiritual.

It originates from God poured into your Spirit expressed by your soul and body!

From inside to the outside!!!

The joy of the Lord!

"...the joy of the Lord is my strength"

Nehemiah 8:10

If you read up that story, the Children of Israel just returned from exile and they were read the law.

They were filled with sorrow seeing that that had sinned gaan!

However, rather than being condemned , they told them to celebrate

" ... For the joy of the Lord is your strength"

Sorrow drains life.

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

Proverbs 17:22

Sorrow, worry and all its brothers and sisters blind you. They sap your strength. They prevent you from worshipping. They prevent you from seeing the work of God in you, on you, through you and for you!

And that's what the devil wants.

He will try to make things darker...and it will.

But guess what

We focus on our reality.

I am the light of the world!!

I shine and darkness is dispelled!!!

I am not going to worry about the darkness, I am just going to focus on being a light and I will focus on shining my shine!!!!

Worship is a key to living in the Joy Spring.

Stay in worship.

Stay in Joy!

Keep the realities of who Christ has made you before your eyes always!!

And see how you live in continuous joy!

Paul wrote "Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"

While he was in prison in Rome!

Chai!!!

Ladies!

We have been called to a higher order of life.

And we must keep our eyes there daily!!!

Once we stay in worship, somethings won't bring tears to your eye again except our of compassion and not pity or giving up.

When Jesus was at the tomb of Lazarus, Martha that was bothered about cooking was the one that was doubting.

She was unsure.

Take what is needful.

Find who you are in the scriptures.

Feed on it

Keep your eyes on it...and see Joy continually well up in your heart!

Wake up in the morning and declare it to yourself.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!!

I am sitted with Christ in heavenly places.

I operate with same glorious authority Jesus had.

I am the light of this world.

Keep it before your eyes!

Keep it on your heart!!

That's how to stay in the stream of Joy!!

Glory to Jesus!!

Please I want to implore you to begin to try to read the Epistles outloud to yourself from time to time.

I assure you it will a very refreshing time, except maybe James (Just kidding)

Confessing who we are is key!

Thank you Jesus for this evening.

Thank you.

We keep enjoying your life daily.

Thank you.

Glory to Jesus!!!

If there are questions, please shoot them now.

Tomorrow we will be ending with ***"Worship; A place of alignment"***

November 06

Good evening Ladies!

Ready for the final lap of this week's Bible study?

I trust others will join us as we go along.

Anyway, I hope you been ***doing the word.***

'Hearing' is good, but hearing without doing is death, just like Faith without works is dead!!

So, apply the word and let life flow.

Yesterday, we looked at how worship (focusing on our spiritual reality) helps us burst in Joy and stay in the place of Joy

We mentioned that the devil knows how important our Joy is to our Kingdom.

*_"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, ***but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit***"_*

So he (the devil) will do all he can do to attack it, ***but keeping our eyes on our realities is a way to stay in the Joy Spring, as Joy is how we move upward and forward***

Today, we will be looking at ***WORSHIP; the place of alignment.***

Google says Alignment is:

"A position of agreement or alliance."

When God brought us into the Kingdom, this was what happened, ***we agreed*** with what God has done through Christ.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"

Romans 10:9

Without this alignment we can't enter the Faith.

It is this alignment that is necessary for answered prayers.

" Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. "

Mark 11:24

One of the alignments that occurs in the place is worship is our Heart and Tongue, that is, what we believe and what we say.

If you believe you are God's child, it should reflect in how you talk to yourself.

You can't be calling yourself *_ode_* † σ

_ Sometimes we just momentarily forget what we believe._

The place of, worship ***aligns the realities in your heart with your confession!***

_ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord._

James 1:6-7

If your confession does not align with your heart (believe), you can't get anything from God.

_ " Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart" _

Psalm 37:4

Delight means getting your pleasure, your thrill from the Lord.

As we focus on Him, we see ourselves.

We see what is ours.

We see where we are and where to go

When we focus on our true spiritual inheritance, we are able to come to place of alignment in this regard.

Secondly, Alignment with God

_ Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents._

Ephesians 5:1 (MSG)

We can't live the Christian Life successfully if we are not living it in alignment with the Father.

It is impossible.

It is like playing offside in a football match...or scoring in your own goal post.

*_ Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; *he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does*_*

John 5:19

Alignment with God is necessary for us ***to be sure we are doing what we should be doing per time.***

For those of you that joined the impromptu prayer we had for the country on MIXLR, you remember how we mentioned that the protest could lead to a crisis, hence the need for prayers

Thank God we prayed along with all the other people in the world that God laid it in their hearts to pray, things could have been worse.

That is aligning ourselves with what God was doing at the time.

We can't effectively serve God if we aren't aligned with Him.

Creativity is good, but without alignment, creativity is just a waste of time and resources.

We align and then do what He is doing...and this happens in the place of worship.

Remember, this worship can be musical, reading the scriptures, walking on the road, etc as long as ***there is a consciousness of your reality.***

God told Moses to stretch the rod over the sea to part it, Exodus 14:16.

If Moses had done something else like thrown a stone into the sea, he would have just been wasting resource and nothing would have happened.

He was aware of what heaven was doing at that time and He aligned.

Same thing with Paul when the ship he was was about to capsize and people where wasting time throwing stuff off the ship.

Paul simply asked them to come and eat bread.

Why?

_"But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed." _

Acts 27:22

He was in alignment.

He knew the state of things spiritually and could agree and align himself with them physically.

As we align with God, we align with how God would want His work on Earth to be done.

We can't live without alignment.

Without alignment, we just go off on our own.

_"How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to

become perfect by your own human effort?"_

Galatians 3:3

And going off on our own is death.

_ "For without me you can do nothing" _

Anything we do outside alignment with Christ is death.

As we fix our eyes on Christ and all he offers us, we see where he is leading us to.

Many Christians live life like we are the one telling Jesus what to do with us, when in actual fact, he is the one leading and we are following.

We don't know what to do.

We have never been here before † σ

Agree with Christ over your life and see where it leads!

As we wrap up, please sing this, paying attention to the lyrics.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
Lord we ask that you keep leading us to walk with you!

Amen