

**“Come Let Us Adore Him” (part 1)- “WHY We Worship”
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Psalm 96 TPT

CORE: We have been created to live a lifestyle of worship.

- **More than gratitude for what He’s done/given—worship appreciates who He is! (Adoration & Honor)**
- **It is expressed wholeheartedly (i.e., dog greeting its master)**
- **It’s experienced in closeness, nearness (“Draw near to Him—He draws near to you” Hebrews 10:1)—void of distance/indifference.**

Here are several core reasons WHY we worship:

1. **It’s God’s TOP PRIORITY** (i.e., “Love (Him) w/ all our heart, soul, mind, and strength”)

[He is BLESSED by our continued desire to live our lives close to Him]

- **His “Name is near” (Psalm 75:1)**
- **By the blood of Jesus—“we have been brought near” (Ephesians 2:13)**

John 4:23 NIV- “True worshipers” (True ones, not perfect ones!) “Who worship in spirit and truth...they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks!”

- **He actively “seeks” worshipers (not just worship)**
- **“Seek”-**
 - Searching for something **highly valued**
 - **Certainty**—He will find what He’s looking for!

2. **It’s where we become FULLY ALIVE**

Psalm 65:4 TPT- “Your priestly lovers, those You’ve chosen, will be greatly favored to be brought close to You! What inexpressible joys will be theirs! What feasts of mercy will fill them in Your heavenly sanctuary! How satisfied we will be just to be near You!”

[Worship is so much more than singing a song or expressing a prayer—it’s encountering the Creator & Ruler of all things—who is also the Father of your life and the Lover of your soul!]

Francis Frangipane: *“Worship rescues our spiritual efforts from routine, religiosity, pride, and guilt. It takes our minds completely off ourselves and burrows us into the overwhelming life of God. In fact, worship is **burrowing into the heart of God.**”*

3. It's where we are MADE STRONG

Psalm 121:2 NIV- "My help comes from the LORD"
"Help"—to surround, strengthen, embolden (*make brave*)

Philippians 4:5- "Let your gentleness be evident to all..."
["Gentleness"- being internally-motivated; far from passive; stronger
than your circumstances]

"...the Lord is near."
["Near"- to "squeeze or throttle"; able to "continually fuel a burning
lamp"]

NOTE: The strongest LEADERS (i.e., those who influence others)—are
worshippers.

Jeremiah 30:21- The leaders who "arise from among them" are those
The LORD "brings near"—who, in turn, purpose to "come close to
(Him)." They "devote (themselves) to be close to (Him)." (*Lit.- "to braid,
become entangled/intertwined with"*)

4. It's where we learn how to BRING HEAVEN TO EARTH (*shift culture*)

Jesus came to "tabernacle among us" (John 1:14)
"Tabernacle"- "*to make your dwelling among*"

The Tabernacle Moses built was the "pattern" of a relationship with God
(Exodus 25:9) Three "places"—yet "ONE UNIT" (Exodus 26:6)

- PUBLIC PLACE (outer court)- ministry; cleansing; forgiveness;
freedom; redemption (**Isaiah 61:1ff; Romans 12:1ff**)
- CORPORATE PLACE (Holy Place)- priests gathered together in His
presence (**Psalm 34:3- "...let us exalt His name together"; Psalm
95:6- "Let us worship & bow down..."**)
- SECRET PLACE (Holy of Holies)- personal intimacy (**Psalm 27:1-5-**
"**One thing have I desired; that will I seek after**")

SEE Mark 1:29-34 (Jesus experienced "tabernacling" in all 3)!

- The corporate place—no substitute for the secret place
- Our ministry in the public place—an overflow of the secret place
- The secret place—is the most important place