**The Prayer of Worship**

John 4:19 -24

Revelation 4:9-11

Psalm 150:6

I Corinthians 10:30 - 11:2

God is seeking worshipers.

Psalms 29:2 (NKJV)

Jesus didn’t redeem us to make us workers, He redeemed us to make us worshipers, and then out of the blazing worship of our heart springs forth our work.

Psalms 95:6-7

John 4:22 - Ye worship ye know not what.

**II. WHAT IS WORSHIP?**

1. Worship is - God designated place where the Holy Spirit leads men to come and prostrate themselves before the Living God. It is a time when, for God’s sake, men come under the submission and authority of a Holy God. It’s when men bring their offerings & sacrifices of thanksgiving and gratitude to the Lord of Glory.

Prostrate – to lie face down on the ground, or in other words to lay it all down in reverence and submission before the Lord.

The designated “place” - the body, but more specifically your heart.

2 Chron. 16:9

**Worship is:**

2. Presenting your body to God Holy and acceptable

1st Corinthians 3:16-17

2nd Corinthians 6:14-18

Abraham's Example of whole-hearted worship:

Genesis 15:1-2

Genesis 22:1-5

**Worship is:**

3. Offering up spiritual sacrifices

1st Peter 2:5

Hebrews 13:16

If I help others how is that a sacrifice or worship to God? - Matthew 25:31-40

**Worship is:**

4. Offering up the sacrifice of Praise

The meanings range from - To give thanks, celebrate in victory, as an act of adoration, to hold out the hands in reverence, to play on instruments, to sing.

John 17:20-21 –

We are made one with Christ by the Spirit of God

Oneness - being the same in kind and quality, constituting a unified entity comprised of two or more components

When we bring the sacrifice of praise and worship to our God, we are one body of believers brought into unity and fellowship by Christ Jesus through the new birth as a new species, we are of His kind and His quality.

I can be late and come to hear the word only because the singing doesn’t matter

I don’t have to sing nor lift my hands in worship

I disagree with the style of songs you sing

I am not comfortable

I am not feeling it

I don’t have the time; I can’t make it

I’m tired

Isaiah 14:12-15

Psalm 45:17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore, the people shall praise You forever and ever.

Psalm 9:1-2 I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

Psalm 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psalm 35:18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

James 3:10-12

We must come to the altar with a proper sacrifice to show our allegiance to God, that is our loyalty and commitment to our Father.

We have the seed of worship in each of us and we choose to let it take root in us or not.

Acts 16: 16-19

**III. Worship in Spirit & in Truth**

2 Corinthians 3:5-18

To worship in spirit and in truth is to surrender full control of your heart and will to the spirit of God and allow Him to fill you up and to order your steps in righteousness.

1st Corinthians 6:19

The example of Moses

Exodus 40 :33-35 - To worship in Spirit is to worship God in this new realm. That is, I am Worshiping in the reality of old testament types and shadows.

Hebrews 10:1-2

Galatians 5:13-25

If the spirit that’s in you is ok with sin, know that it’s not the Holy spirit that’s in you.

**IV. Why should we Worship in Spirit and in Truth?**

1. God is seeking true worshipers and I want to be what God is seeking for. We all will worship.

Romans 14:10 - 12

2. Because of who He is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do.

a. Because of who God is.

Psalm 18:1-3

Psalm 145:8-21

Psalm 116

b. Because of all He is now doing

The provisions of life as far as health, food, shelter, security, and peace.

The assurance of God's presence, provision, his grace and mercy.

The people around us--family, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Opportunities us for love, for service and to witness.

He has given us the privilege of prayer.

c. Because of all God will do.

1 John 3:1-3 - The hope of Glory

3. Your worship draws others to Christ

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

John 12:32

Psalm 40:1-3

4. Spiritually saved & mature people are sent out to share Christ after worship

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 2:1-4, 12-13, 37-42

* We do not worship to become holy. We are made holy to worship.
* We do not worship to get ourselves "charged up" to witness.
* We witness in order to bring men and women to worship the true God.

5. It keeps us in the presence of God

I Peter 1: 8

Psalms 42:1-2

Psalms 16:11