

Why We Worship The Way We Do

Higher the Praise • Deeper the Worship • Greater the Glory

Welcome & Introduction

We are so blessed that God has brought you here today to worship with us. There may be some things that happen during our worship service that may seem unusual to you or some things that you are not familiar with. In this document we will share with you biblically the way the Lord showed us how to worship.

Remember Jesus telling the woman at the well that there was a day coming when we would worship in spirit and in truth? I believe we are in that day. We are beginning to worship not just in word, but also in deed.

We believe that worship is a key in accessing the fullness of the Spirit of God in our services, and that the more the praises go up the more His Glory comes down.

We also believe that worship is the greatest form of warfare we can do as followers of Jesus. Worship and warfare go hand in hand.

"I will bring two streams together. Worship and warfare. One without the other, my people, you cannot afford. Hand in hand they will take you to your promised land. Two streams flowing together."

— Says the Lord

Welcome!

Please feel free to worship the Lord in the way that you feel most comfortable. Not everyone who comes to worship here is familiar with our revelation and we want you to feel free in your expression of worship.

It is our desire that you would enjoy the time you spend with us. Though our worship may seem more free flowing and spontaneous, it does not mean we are more spiritual or that the sin nature may not express itself at times. We are not perfect we are just endeavouring to move forward in intimacy with Him.

"Worship is the Key for access into Heaven!"

We believe that if we praise until the spirit of Worship comes and then Worship until the Glory comes, we can stand in the Glory and see the fullness of God revealed.

Worship is more than a song — It is a way of life.

Scriptural Expressions of Worship

Banners and Flags

Raising and waving banners and flags celebrate the triumph of His name. It is a way of marching forward in the strength of the Lord and declaring the King is in the house and He is Lord of our lives.

Scripture Reference: Numb. 2, 10; Ps. 20:5, 60:4

Bowing Down

The Psalms also encourage us to respond to the revelation of God's majesty by bowing down before Him in worship.

Scripture Reference: Ps. 95:6

Dance, Instruments and the Arts

The psalmist encouraged all kinds of artistic and joyful expression to communicate the greatness, glory, power, majesty and dominion of God.

Scripture Reference: Ps. 149, 150

Laughter, Clapping and Shouting

The Psalms encourage us to respond to the revelation of the nearness of God's presence and the power of His triumph with expressions of joy such as laughter, clapping and shouting.

Scripture Reference: Ps. 47:1, 9:11, 32:11, 132:9, 126:29; Job 8:21

Laying on of Hands

There are many times in the New Testament that Jesus or the apostles either laid their hands on a person or spoke a word with authority and something supernatural happened. The person receiving prayer might receive a special gift or anointing for ministry. They might receive a healing. Sometimes, they would speak a command and evil spirits oppressing a person would eject and leave.

Scripture Reference: 1Tim. 4:14; Mark 16:18; Luke 4:36

Prophecy, Tongues and Interpretation

Scripture tells us that the gifts of the Spirit operate through the believers. They are not just to operate but are to be earnestly desired. Since love is the motivation for using these gifts, they should always strengthen, comfort and stir up the faith of the believer. They should never distract attention from the Lord or cause confusion. Prophecy occurs when a person is inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak a word that will edify the body. Tongues operate in the same way as prophecy when there is an interpretation given. The gifts are not for exhibition but to release the love of God in an uplifting and encouraging way.

Scripture Reference: Mark 16:17-18; Acts 2:17-18; 1Cor. 1:5, 12:10, 14:5

Raising our Hands

The Psalms further encourage us to raise our hands as a response to the revelation of our dependence upon God and as a symbolic gesture of our gratitude, longing and surrender.

Scripture Reference: Ps. 28:2, 63:4, 134:2

Stillness

The practice of quieting our souls is also encouraged in the Psalms. In the stillness we acknowledge that God alone is exalted. In the Spirit, we gaze into the beauty of who He is and what it means to have Him in our lives.

Scripture Reference: Ps. 27, 46:10, 143:5

The Song of the Lord

The Scriptures teach that the ministry of music is a two-way communication between the Lord and His redeemed. We are to speak to ourselves, to one another in songs and hymns and spiritual songs, us to Jesus and Jesus to us.

During our services, given the opportunity, the Lord Jesus Christ will speak to us through the prophetic song. When this occurs, the song will usually line up with the preaching of the Word and confirm it. There is a deep flow of His anointing to break bondage and save souls in the spiritual ministry of music. This type of flow will only come forth if we yield to His Spirit and understand the truth of His Word concerning the spiritual songs of the Lord.

The song of the Lord is the ministry of the heart. It is a spiritual song, fresh, new, hot off the heavenly press. Not everyone likes this song. It can irritate the flesh of those who have no relationship, intimacy and love with the Lord, but it will bring those who do into a closer, more cherished place with Him. When we are praising God we are worshiping Him. When we are singing the Song of the Lord, we are revealing Jesus Christ. As we follow the river of God, we will flow much like a river, sensing His changing flow and refreshing.