

Welcome to the ekklesia fellowship!

Fellowship *with* the Father Praise and Worship

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Praise and Worship

“The splendor of a soul in grace is so seductive that it surpasses the beauty of all created things.”

—Thomas Aquinas

What are *praise* and *worship* and why are they essential to intimate fellowship with our Lord?

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Worship:

Deuteronomy 6:13 – “You shall fear only the Lord your God; and you shall **worship** Him, and swear by His name.”

Exodus 20:5 – “You shall not **worship** them [idols—other gods] or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,…”

Matthew 4:10 – “You shall **worship** the Lord your God, and serve Him only.”

John 4:24 – “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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“Satan’s object has always been: man’s worship of him. In our hearts we have something which God wants and which Satan also wants. What heaven wants, hell too wants. Heaven and Hell fight for it – worship. Two thrones are at war. What are they fighting over? Worship…”

—Watchman Nee, *Worship God*

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Worship:

Ardent, humble devotion to something.

Hebrew: *to kneel and submit*

Greek: *to go forward and kiss His hand.*

Simply stated: worship is recognizing that He is God and that I am just a man.

Bowing my heart to Him as Lord and God.

John 20:28 – “My Lord and my God.”

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Praise:

Psalm 150:6 – “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!”

Psalm 119:164 – “Seven times a day I praise You for Your righteous laws.”

Psalm 147:1 – “For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.”

Psalm 71:8 – “My mouth is filled with Thy praise, And with Thy glory all day long.”

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Praise:

Praise is always active, assertive, demonstrative, and open.

Praise is then worship of God that is vocal, audible, or visible.

Expression of my bowed my heart to Him as Lord and God

Praise is something we become before it is something we do!

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Two Requirements to Worship:

Psalm 5:7 – “At Thy holy temple I will bow in reverence for Thee.” (in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.”

First requirement: Fear – an attitude of deep respect, love, and awe for Who God is.

When I see Him as Father, I am saved.

When I see Him as God, I am **nothing**.

“Know the Father and the heart will be filled with joy. Know God and the heart will be filled with Glory.”

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Two Requirements to Worship:

Psalm 29:2 – “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in holy array.”

Second Requirement: Holiness

Isaiah 64:6 – “...all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.”

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Sins and Sin:

Romans 3:24-26 – Sins are dealt with once and for all by His blood!

Romans 5:9 – “...having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

Sins – removed by His blood!

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Sins and Sin:

Romans 6:4 – “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

Galatians 2:20

Sinner – removed by His cross!

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Hallelujah!

John 19:30 – Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 1:30 – Hallelujah!

2 Corinthians 5:17; 21 – Hallelujah!

Romans 8:1 – Hallelujah!

Hallelujah:

halla – to boast, to brag on, to laud, to make a show, even to the point of looking foolish.

jah – simply the shortened name for God.

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Hallelujah!

The spontaneous outcry of one excited about God, the exclamation of one upon whose consciousness part of the majesty of God has dawned!

"A sad Christian is a phony Christian and a guilty Christian is no Christian at all." –*Joe Reia*

"Praise is inner health made audible" –*C.S. Lewis*

"Depression and praise cannot long live in the same heart. They are absolutely incompatible roommates." –*Jack Taylor*

Isaiah 6 & Revelation 19