

“Greatness:
Just Live It”

“Greatness Through Worship” Core 34

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John 4:24

A. Worship is...

“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24

1. Worship is to be experienced in Spirit.

“So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” John 1:14

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,” 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. Worship is to be experienced in Truth.

“To truly worship God, we must understand who He is and what He has done, and the only place He has fully revealed Himself is in the Bible. Worship is an expression of praise from the depths of our hearts toward a God who is understood through His Word. If we do not have the truth of the Bible, we do not know God and we cannot be truly worshipping.” – F Bittner

“Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth.” John 17:17

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

3. We are made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. The body being our external shell. The soul being our mind, will, and emotions. The spirit is our inner part of us that connects directly with God’s Spirit.

“Praise the LORD! Let my whole being praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.” Psalm 146:1-2

“I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the LORD. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God.” Psalm 84:2

B. Worship is not...

“These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.” Matthew 15:8-9

“‘How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, ‘and I will not accept your offerings.’” Malachi 1:10

“But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’” 1 Samuel 16:7

1. Worship is not one day a week.

“If you’re not worshipping God on Monday the way you did the day before, perhaps you’re not worshipping Him at all.” A.W. Tozer

“But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.” Psalm 1:2

2. Worship is not a single method of bodily expression. There is no rule for worship. We could sit, stand, fall down, be quiet, or sing praises loudly.

“Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!” Psalm 96:1

“Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.” Psalm 141:2

“Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,” Psalm 95:6

“Praise the LORD! Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.” Psalm 146:1-2

3. Worship is not in one place.

“When I saw him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, ‘Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last.’” Revelation 1:17

4. Worship comes directly from the heart and is evident to God.

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers meeting together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become ‘unity’ conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.” -A.W. Tozer

“I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.” A.W. Tozer

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

C. We were made to worship...

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.” John 12:32

“We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done in the past and all that He is doing now leads to this one end.” A.W. Tozer

1. We must worship in all we do and wherever we are.

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

2. True worship will lead to a complete experience in Christ.

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” Colossians 3:17

“Without doubt the emphasis in Christian teaching today should be on worship. There is little danger that we shall become merely worshipers and neglect the practical implications of the gospel. No one can long worship God in spirit and in truth before the obligation to holy service becomes too strong to resist. Fellowship with God leads straight to obedience and good works. That is the divine order and it can never be reversed.” A.W. Tozer

3. True worship is a wholehearted celebration, a dialogue, and an offering.

“I will give them hearts that recognize me as the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me wholeheartedly.” Jeremiah 24:7

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“The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross that He might make His people worshipers of God. That is why we were born, that we might show forth the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. ‘He is your Lord, worship Him.’ And we see that purpose-worship—when it is all over and the consummation has taken place and been fulfilled. The beasts, the elders and the creatures under the sea, above the earth, in the earth, and in the heavens are all crying aloud. ‘Holy, holy, holy to the Lord God Almighty, which was, and is. And is to come.’ The purpose of God is that He might redeem us, (to restore us again to the divine imperative of worship), to put us all in the heavenly choir and keep us there singing His praises and showing forth His excellencies while the ages roll. This is the purpose of God in redemption.”
- A.W. Tozer

“William Booth the founder of the Salvation Army used to say: ‘If a church was on fire for God, people for miles would come to watch it burn.’ To paraphrase Booth: If believers experience the fire of God’s worship then lost people would be drawn to God like a moth to the flames.” -F. Bittner

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