

“Worship- A Natural Flow of Life”

- I. This worship is a natural flow of God’s creation! It’s the way things are supposed to be!

Isaiah 55:8-13

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**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”**

declares the Lord.

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**“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

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**As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,**

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**so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

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**You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.**

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**Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the Lord’s renown,**

**for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever.”**

- A. Notice the flow of this passage and compare it to the previous stated “flow” of worship!
1. Acknowledging and directing ourselves toward God **(verse 8-9)**
 2. I become “spiritually engaged” with God and His Word **(verse 10-11)**
 3. As submission is conceived, I give birth to worship **(verse 12)**
 4. God purpose is fulfilled in me. **(verse 13)**
- B. Worship is a response to revelation! It is a natural response!

Luke 19:37-40

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

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“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

1. The greater the revelation, the greater the worship!
2. The four living creature’s fuel worship through continual revelation!

Revelation 4:8

8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

**“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”**

3. Our worship life is fueled by revelation!

II. Don't settle for the “outer court” stuff!

Hebrews 10:19-20,22

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

A. Remember that redemption is about once again “walking with God in the cool of the day”.

1. The outer court ceremony prepared you for the inner court experience!
2. So it is today!!
3. The POINT is God's presence!

Acts 17:26-28

26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in

him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

- B. Recognizing who we are in Jesus, gives us initiative to act like it!

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

**“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”**

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

**“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”**

8 and,

**“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”**

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy

- C. Remember that in scripture, our relationship to God is compared to a marriage!

Ephesians 5:32

32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Isaiah 61:10

**I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Isaiah 62:5

**As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.**

Revelation 19:7

**Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.**

1. True intimacy requires vulnerability!

Psalm 139:23-24

**Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

2. I must KNOW that I can TRUST God!