

## “Worship – The Expression of Relationship”

- Unlike the religions of the world, our worship is not one of “paying homage” but rather a celebration of relationship!
- **Psalm 100**

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his<sup>[a]</sup>;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**I. Worship is all about the presence of God!**

### **II Samuel 6:11-12 (NIV)**

The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

12 Now King David was told, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

- A. Notice in **verse 12** the phrase, “because of the Ark of God.”
1. In **verse 11** we see that Obed-Edom was blessed “because of the Ark”.
  2. King David wants God’s presence or the Ark back in the City of David!
- B. Notice David’s response to God’s presence... he danced!

**II Samuel 6:13-14**

13 When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might,

1. Dance was nothing more than engaging all of yourself in worship!
  2. We need to engage the totality of who we are in worship!
- C. David danced before the Lord as a “man” rather than a King!
1. We must approach God as His son not based on position!
  2. Although we are Kings and Priests before the Lord!

## **I Peter 2:9**

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

3. David emptied himself of his Kingly reputation!
- D.** It is okay to be expressive in worship...as long as it is for the Lord and not to be seen by men!

## **II Samuel 6:16, 20-22**

16 As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. 20 When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" 21 David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

1. What about this leaping and whirling?

2. It couldn't have been **merely** "cultural" or Michal wouldn't have "despised him in her heart."
3. David said that it was all done "before the Lord."
4. Humility is the only fuel that allows "abandoned worship."

## II. A full expression of worship!

### A. David provided for and prepared for worship! **I Chronicles 6:31-32**

These are the men David put in charge of the music in the house of the Lord after the ark came to rest there. **32** They ministered with music before the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, until Solomon built the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem. They performed their duties according to the regulations laid down for them.

1. Do we "prepare" for times of worship in our lives!
2. "After the Ark came to rest" – They were celebrating God's presence

### B. David appoints "worshippers" not worship leaders!

## **I Chronicles 15:16**

16 David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

1. Notice instruments.
2. Notice the emotion.

### **C. Worship is recognizing the Lord for “WHO HE IS.” I Chron. 16:7-36**

7 That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord in this manner:

**8**

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

**9**

Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.

**10**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**11**

Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.

**12**

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

**13**

you his servants, the descendants of Israel,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

**14**

He is the Lord our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

**15**  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

**16**  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.

**17**  
He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

**18**  
“To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as the portion you will inherit.”

**19**  
When they were but few in number,  
few indeed, and strangers in it,

**20**  
they<sup>[b]</sup> wandered from nation to nation,  
from one kingdom to another.

**21**  
He allowed no one to oppress them;  
for their sake he rebuked kings:

**22**  
“Do not touch my anointed ones;  
do my prophets no harm.”

**23**  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

**24**  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**25**  
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.

**26**  
For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**27**

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

**28**

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**29**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

**30**

Tremble before him, all the earth!  
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**31**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**32**

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;  
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

**33**

Let the trees of the forest sing,  
let them sing for joy before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

**34**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**35**

Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior;  
gather us and deliver us from the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name,  
and glory in your praise."

**36**

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."

**D.** Develop a “life style” of worship!!

**verse 37**

**37** David left Asaph and his associates before the ark of the covenant of the Lord to minister there regularly, according to each day’s requirements.