



THE MINISTRY OF WONDER-FILLED WORSHIP

Text: James 5:13-18; Acts 2:42; Various

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WONDER-FILLED WORSHIP

- We all have our own ideas about what worship really is.
- But there is more to it.
- Worship is an encounter with God.
- The concept of worship is one of the oldest practices of mankind.
- It finds its true meaning in Jesus' words: "Worshippers must worship in spirit and truth."
- ISAIAH 6:1-13
- Isaiah's encounter with God shows us 4 essential elements of worship.

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WORSHIP IS WONDERMENT

- Isaiah 6:1-4
- Isaiah is awestruck
- I believe one of the reasons we struggle with worship is we don't see God for who he really is or what he has done!
- God is Awesome: infinite, immutable, self-sufficient, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, righteous, faithful, good, just, loving, gracious and glorious!
- Sometimes our own person is so big it blocks out our view of God.
- True Worship reminds us of the God of Wonders.

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WORSHIP IS TRANSFORMATIVE

- Isaiah 6:5
- Isaiah got a good look at himself - "Woe unto me..."
- Isaiah 64:6 - our righteousness is like filthy rags compared to GOD.
- In Isaiah's confession we see the true spirit of repentance... recognizing our helpless estate.
- Romans 12:1-2 - ...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...
- True Worship exposes us so that God can cleanse us... transform us.

4

WORSHIP IS RENEWING

- Isaiah 6:6-8
- Isaiah is renewed through the forgiveness of God.
- He is sanctified for service.
- I can relate to unclean lips... "we sometimes talk out of the other side of our heads!"
- Through God's Forgiveness Isaiah lives for God's purpose... "SEND ME!"
- True worship renews our readiness to serve God!

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WORSHIP IS RECENTERING

- Isaiah 6:9-13
- What do you value the most? That is usually our center... most important thing.
- We often say we value God above all else but do we... what is it you spend your most time on? What is it you spend the most money on? Where is it you like being? That is your center.
- This worship encounter recentered Isaiah from being the king's prophet to being God's prophet.
- Colossians 3:1-4
- True worship put the focus of our lives on Jesus Christ!

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HOW CAN WE WORSHIP LIKE THIS?

- Wonder-filled, true worship is important.
- PREPARE, PARTICIPATE, EXPECTATION, ENVISION to encounter God in worship.
- Worship is not just about music. We need people to help each of us encounter God in and through our worship. JOIN THE TEAM!
- Did you encounter God in worship today? Make a decision for Jesus now!
- INVITATION is open.