



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Anointed Worship

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Is worship important to us?

Ps Jeff posits that worship only matters to us if God matters to us. After all, worship is about strengthening our relationship with God. Through worship, we begin to understand Him better and learn to love Him as He reveals Himself to us. If we were to say that He is important to us, and that we are disciples of Christ, then it's time we became the worshippers He is looking for – true worshippers who worship in Spirit and Truth.

ANOINTED WORSHIP BEGINS WITH ANOINTED WORSHIPPERS

What then are the key attributes of an anointed worshipper of God?

Example of King David

King David was described as a **man after God's own heart**. [Acts 13:22] He was an anointed shepherd and worshipper of God even before he was king. He expelled demons just by playing his lyre. [1 Sam 16:23] In fact, many hymns and psalms that David sung have now become the songs we sing today. The psalms, especially, speak of his journey as an anointed worshipper.

Take Psalm 27 for example. V1-6 speaks of his confidence in the Lord. *The LORD is my light and my salvation – so why should I be afraid?* But in v7, he begins to sing a different tune. It becomes a cry for help, reflecting his despair as Saul nips at his heels. *Be merciful and answer me!*

Through these verses, we get a glimpse of both the spiritual high and the desperate rut David finds himself in. Yet, in the final two verses of the psalm, he once more proclaims his confidence in the Lord. The bottom line is evident – **through triumph or trial, David worshipped the Lord.**

From his example, we see that an anointed worshipper demonstrates the following:

1. Dedicated Devotion, regardless of circumstances

David didn't just ask for, he **pursued** the Lord's presence. He returned to God time and time again. Though his life was fraught with trials – evil people, wars, troubles, enemies, doubts, anxieties, fears, abandonment, accusations and violence [Psa 27] – he recognised the **one thing** that was needed. **And that was to return to the Lord.**

He recognised that the Lord was his light, Saviour, stronghold (v1), avenger (v2), shelter and victory (v5).

2. Daily Dwelling, regardless of comfort

David wanted to dwell in the presence of the Lord daily [*Psa 27:4*] because he had a deep longing for the “house” of the Lord. David had a palace which was ornate, comfortable and far more beautiful than the “house” of God, which was, at that time, a tent that contained the tabernacle. Yet, something in that tent attracted David to it – the **presence of God**.

Indeed, the more we know the Lord, the more we will desire for Him. The longing for daily dwelling in the presence of God reveals the intimacy of our relationship with Him.

3. Delighting Desire, which is about the condition of your heart

David did not just want to catch a glimpse of the Lord. He wanted to **gaze**, to behold, to contemplate with pleasure [*Psa 27:4*]. Delighting desire is precisely that amazement and blissful longing for God for who He is and what He has done – and still, we want more!

You know you’re at a point of delighting desire when you’re filled with unspeakable delight and when you’re brought to joyous tears.

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, OPEN THE DOORS

King David is a good example of what an anointed worshipper of God looks like. Ps Jeff urges us all to emulate him, to be like David and worship God with all our might, to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and **allow Him to lead us** into anointed worship.

QUESTIONS

What is one aspect of being an anointed worshipper that is new to you?

Personally, why is worship important to you? How does it impact or has impacted you?

Of the three attributes mentioned in the sermon, which do you think needs strengthening in your life? How do you intend to do so?