

# **WORSHIPPING GOD**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Psalms 147:5** *“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!”*

**Isaiah chapter 40.**

**1 Corinthians 14:15-17.**

Corporate worship is all about giving glory to God, but it is also about encouraging and strengthening those around us!

### **1. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES**

#### **i. The example of Moses and the people of Israel**

**Exodus 15:1** *“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea.”*

And they continued to sing, declaring God’s strength, exalting him, describing him as a warrior, declaring his power and the greatness of his majesty.

**Exodus 14:29-31.**

#### **ii. The Psalmists**

There are so many expressions of praise and worship throughout the book of Psalms, and such wonderful declarations of who God is:

God is my shield, an honest judge, He is King forever and ever, my Rock, my fortress, my Saviour, God's promises prove true, God saves, He is the God of glory, God is faithful ...

### **iii. The Disciples**

**Acts 16:22-28.**

### **iv. The Crowd in Heaven**

**Revelation 15:3-4; 19:1; 3-7.**

## **2. TRUTHS TO REMEMBER**

### **i. Worship belongs to God**

**We worship God primarily because worship belongs to God.**

There are powerful effects of worshipping God, **but we worship primarily because of who God is, not from what we get out of it.**

May nothing ever hinder us from giving God the worship due to him.

May worshipping God be our greatest desire, and may other things fall to the side.

## **ii. God is a creative God**

**2 Corinthians 5:17.**

May our worship unto God be fresh and new.

**Psalms 40:3** *“He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.”*

May we sing a new song to God as we worship him.

**Psalms 149:1-2.** *“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful. O Israel, rejoice in your Maker. O people of Jerusalem, exult in your king.”*

May each of us take the time to delight in God. To reflect on him. To love him, to worship him.

## **iii. Our perception does not change the truth of who God is**

God is God – his character is not dependant on what we understand or what we have experienced (or what we haven't understood or haven't experienced).

It is easy for us to allow circumstances and situations to dim our view of God.

But the fact is, God is God. He never changes, regardless of what we are experiencing or what our perception is.

When we are overwhelmed, may we not give up or lose trust in God.

**Psalms 61:2** *“From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety.”*

**Don't let confusion or disillusionment distort the truth of who God is.**

**Psalms 62:6** *“He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.”*

May we never lose sight of how great God is.

**Psalms 42:5** *“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.”*

## **CONCLUSION**

Let us worship God for he alone deserves our praise.

**Psalms 96:8** *“Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts.”*