

Worship 101

Worship is NOT a means to my ends
...but an end to itself

Isaiah 29:13 The Lord says: "***These people*** come near to me with their mouth and ***honor me*** with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. **Their worship of me** is made up only of rules taught by men.

The essence of all worship is the act of honoring God

- Recognizing God's honor, significance, supreme value
- Feeling the worth of it
- Ascribing honor to God in all the ways appropriate to his character



The Trifid Nebula

A “stellar nursery” 9,000 light years from earth



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Worship Is Best Done Corporately “Let us” (3x)

- We were created in perfect community with God & one another
 - Sin fractures that community
 - We want God on our own teams
 - We want other people on our own terms
 - The work of Jesus mends this brokenness...a right relationship with God and one another is restored
 - We want God to receive honor
 - We want to share the honor/glory of God together with others
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- in worship and serving



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Worship Engages the Whole Person

Emotional Engagement

“let us sing for joy”

“let us shout aloud”

Intellectual Engagement

The Names of God... Jehovah, Rock of our
salvation

“People began to call on the Name of the Lord” Gen. 4:26

Worship engages the head & the heart

This is why music/song is so important in

worship. You cannot glorify God to the fullest extent of your capacities



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The nature of NT worship is Christ-centered...all we do
points

to Christ who makes God's presence with us immediate

The Lord's Supper is the clearest reminder that God is
personally

present with us through Jesus

