

# WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Introduction Session Six: What would happen if we returned to worship?

Scripture and Memory Verse: *1 Peter 2:5*

## Introduction

This is the last session in this study. I hope you will apply it to your life as we have spent the last six weeks growing in our knowledge of worship. Let us begin with notes from the book.

“Not only does worship presuppose a [relationship](#) with God, but a true relationship presupposes that one is a worshiper. We were born to worship, and the living of the life of a worshiper begins in private. This is where the foundation of worship is laid: corporate worship is the public [expression](#) of what has been going on in a private relationship with the One we worship. I do not go to church to be a worshiper: I go to church because I am a worshiper. I go to church to join other worshipers in publicly worshipping the God I [love](#).”<sup>1</sup>

## Knowing God’s Standards

Let us review together the four steps of obedience in personal worship and the four steps of obedience in corporate worship from our study. First in personal worship:

1. Each Christian must [choose](#) to live a lifestyle of worship, knowing that as a child of God, all of life is “holy ground.” Christians must “ask, seek, and knock” (*Matthew 7:7-8*) as a way of life. God is seeking such persons before Him.
2. A Christian must anticipate fresh [encounters](#) with God constantly. Every time a Christian opens the Scriptures, he is face-to-face with God, the Author. The Holy Spirit actively works to “teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (*John 14:26; 16:13*).  
Christians should approach the Scripture in an attitude of worship, [expecting](#) to be totally available to God, for His glory. And they should expect never to be the same again.
3. A true worshiper must know the [voice](#) of God and know when He is speaking. To miss His voice in worship is to miss true worship.
4. A Christian must come to worship with a heart and life committed to [obey](#) God out of every encounter. This is a choice ahead of time. Worship is never complete without obedience, so an obedient heart is essential to true worship.

Secondly, in corporate worship:

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<sup>1</sup> WBEG - Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.113

1. We must choose to be with God's people, as a way of [life](#). When God's people gather before God, and when God's people gather in a home, the body is in worship. When God's people gather in the workplace, the body is in worship.
2. God's people must choose not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together," before God (*Hebrews 10:25*). Each gathering holds infinite potential with God. But God is honored when His people choose to [meet](#) before Him in worship.
3. Each person must be an [active](#) seeker after God when Christians meet in corporate worship. No true worshiper can be passive when worshipping with others. God does things with His people corporately that He does not do individually. So each worshiper should expect eternity encounters with God in the body as they worship. Most of the significant decisions in our lives have come out of corporate worship. But we were seeking Him there!
4. Each worshiper exposed so thoroughly to God's presence in corporate worship (singing, prayer, Scriptures, koinonia) must come with a [commitment](#) to obey God's commands. Each must have a heart that is ready with, "Yes, Lord!" even before God speaks, and "Here am I; send me!" even before He calls His commands.<sup>2</sup>

## Key Point

In God's Word we come to "know the truth," and our lives can respond in total surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord. In that moment, true worship has taken place, and God is honored.

## Scripture and Truth *Psalm 138*

*I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

*In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, when they hear the words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.*

*The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.*

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