



Deuteronomy & The Beauty of Obedience

Remember to Worship

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. (Deut. 8:10-11)

The Antidote to Ingratitude

We live in amazing abundance, and in such abundance it can be easy to forget the God who gave us what we have. Romans 1:18ff reminds us that ingratitude is the beginning of all other sins.

The antidote to ingratitude is _____, for it keeps before us the source of our abundance.



A pomegranate still on the tree in Israel (dmy)

Remember the God who Brought You Here (Deut. 8:1-20)

- **Deut. 8:1-5. Remember.** Israel's memory of how God provided for it should motivate its people to obey God. Looking backward is sometimes a good way to know how to move forward. **Disciplines.** The hardships that Israel suffered for 40 years were a form of discipline intended to _____ the Israelites. And discipline is a good thing, for it makes us better people. Cf., Hebrews 12:5-12. **Bread alone.** God supplied Israel with divine food (manna), but its intention was to teach Israel to obey God's divine Word.

- **Deut. 8:6-9.** The land that God gave Israel was rich, varied, and teeming with opportunity. **Springs gushing.** Egypt is a flat country without springs; after hundreds of years in Egypt and the Negev, a spring was a new and beautiful thing for Israel. **Rocks are iron.** Ironwork was a new technology in Moses' day; it revolutionized the ancient world like the computer did the modern world.



Small 7th century BC iron blade found at ancient Lachish. Smelting was a difficult but invaluable technology in ancient Israel (dmy)

- **Deut. 8:10-16.** It can be easy to forget that our abundance came from God. Forgetting the God who gave us our blessings is the cause of ingratitude. Ingratitude begets a host of destruction.

- **Deut. 8:17-20. My power.** The root of ingratitude is pride—the belief that we are self-made people or that we deserve the blessings

of God. The **humble** person who acknowledges the Lord is the happy person. The unworshipful, ungrateful, and prideful person is the miserable person.

Some Biblical Terms for Worship

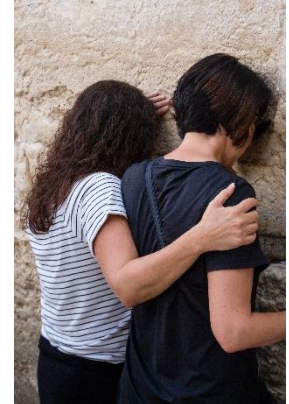
- **To do obeisance; bow down** (Hb = *chavah*; Gk = *proskuneo*): Exod. 20:5; Psa. 95:6; Luke 4:7 1 Cor. 14:25
- **To carry out a religious service** (Hb = *obed*; Gk = *latreuo, leitourgeo*): Exod. 8:1; 20:5; Josh 24:14; Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 9:12
- **To reverence or fear** (Hb = *yareh*, Gk = *phobeomai, sebomai*): Deut. 6:13; Josh 4:24; Psa. 19:9; Matt. 15:9; Acts 13:16; 1 Tim. 2:10
- **To praise, bless, sing, or glorify** (Hb = *hallal, baruch*, Gk = *epaino, aineo humneo, doxazo, eulogeo*): Psa. 148:1; Dan. 2:20; Rom. 15:11; 2 Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:12
- **To sacrifice** (Hb = *olah, minchah, labach*, Gk = *thuo, proskhoreo, hilaskomai*): Exod. 5:17; Lev. 3:3; Phil. 4:18; Heb. 13:15; 1 Jn. 4:10



Ein Gedi in Israel; for people who spent centuries in Egypt's flatlands, springs were a marvel (dmy)

Engage the Power of Worship

- Worship focuses our minds on God: we see _____.
- Worship takes our minds off ourselves, our hurts, and our problems.
- Worship teaches through experience, adding strength to mere words.
- Worship _____, enabling us to remember and relive them.
- Worship moves our emotions, which motivates our reason (joy, fear, peace, earnestness, etc.).
- Worship links us to the past, joining us to the heroes of old.
- Worship hands the truths of God _____.
- Worship links us to other believers in unity, strength, and encouragement.



Two NB women pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Worship binds us together before God (dmy)

Great Worship Moments in the Bible

- Jacob worshiped when he had his vision of heaven at Bethel, venerating God and erecting a memorial stone. (Genesis 28:10-22)
- Moses worshiped when he realized God's presence at the burning bush, removing his shoes and committing to God's mission. (Exodus 3:1-6)
- David worshiped when the ark of God returned to Jerusalem, joyfully dancing before the Lord. (2 Sam. 6:1-19)
- Isaiah worshiped when he had his vision of heaven, confessing his sin and demonstrating eagerness to preach the Word. (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- Peter worshiped after he caught the miraculous amount of fish, falling to his knees and leaving everything for Jesus. (Luke 5:1-11)
- Jesus worshiped when He saw His disciples conquering Satan, expressing joy and prayer. (Luke 10:1-24)
- Thomas worshiped when he touched the risen Savior, crying out "My Lord and God!" (John 20:24-29)
- The early church worshiped after their baptisms, devoting themselves to the Word, breaking bread, fellowship and prayer. (Acts 2:42-47)
- The Ethiopian eunuch worshiped after his conversion to Christ, going on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:36-40)
- The four beasts, the 24 elders, thousands of angels, and the entire creation worship by falling down, singing praises, laying down their crowns, playing harps, and burning incense. (Rev. 4-5)

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement." Augustine of Hippo

Answers: worship, humble, what we look at, recreates sacred events, down to our children



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A Life Full of Worship

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Rom. 12:1)

Worship can include anything that appropriately shows God His worth. Here are many biblical ways to fill your life with the worship of God.

- 1. Coming into the presence of God; seeking God** (with the mind or heart, such as in **prayer, study or meditation**; as well as with the body, such as in "coming to church"). Exod. 23:17; Psalms 17:15; 18:3; 24:6; 27:4, 14; 46:10; 77:6; 100:3; 122:1; Isa. 1:12; Micah 4:2; 6:6-8; Matt. 7:7-8; Mark 5:21-29; 10:13-16; Acts 17:10; Rom. 1:8-10; 12:2; 15:30-33; Phil. 3:20-21; 4:6; Col. 4:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:7; 3:15-17; Heb. 2:1; 4:16; 10:22; 13:13; James 4:8; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 1:13; 1 John 5:14.
- 2. Having fear, wonder, devotion, joy and adoration in one's heart in response to God.** Gen. 28:17; Lev. 9:24; Deut. 6:5, 13; 31:12-13; Josh. 24:14; Ezra 6:22; Neh. 8:10; Psalms 16:11; 28:7; 33:8; 100:2; 118:4; Isa. 29:23; Matt. 2:1-2; 8:23-27; 17:6; Luke 7:16; Acts 2:43; 8:39; Rom. 11:33-36; Eph. 1:11-12; 3:14-21; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16; 1 Tim. 6:15-16; Heb. 12:28; James 4:10; 1 Peter 4:13; 5:6-7; Rev. 1:17.
- 3. Bearing spiritual fruit and avoiding evil because one loves God.** Exod. 23:6-9; Deut. 13:16; Psa. 15; 37:6; 106:3; Isa. 61:8; Amos 5:11-15, 21-27; Micah 6:6-8; Matt. 23:1-32; Rom. 1:18-32; 13:9-10; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; Gal. 5:14, 19-23; Eph. 4:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; James 2:8; 1 Pet. 4:8; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:12; 5:3.
- 4. Making verbal expressions in response to the experience of God:**
 - a. Praising**--Exod. 15:2; 2 Chron. 20:19; Psalms 40:3; 56:4; 84:4; Isa. 12:1; Matt. 15:31; Luke 18:43; Heb. 13:15; James 3:9; 1 Pet. 2:9.
 - b. Shouting, crying out**--Lev. 9:24; Psalms 20:5; 47:1; 66:1; 95:1-2; Isa. 12:6; 54:1; Ezra 3:12; Matt. 15:22; 21:9-10; Mark 1:3; Luke 4:18; 18:7; John 7:28-29; Acts 4:24; 7:60; Rom. 8:15; Rev. 19:1ff.
 - c. Proclaiming**--1 Chron. 16:23; Psalms 35:28; 51:15; 63:5; 92:2; Isa. 42:12; Matt. 9:31; Mark 1:14-15, 45; 7:36-37; Luke 2:20; Acts 5:42; Rom. 10:8; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:2; 1 John 1:1.
 - d. Reading God's Word**--Deut. 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Neh. 8:8; Luke 4:16ff.; Acts 17:11; 2 Cor. 3:2; 1 Tim. 4:13; Rev. 10:9-11.
 - e. Teaching**--Deut. 4:9; Ezra 7:10; Mark 12:35; Rom. 12:7; 1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:14; 2:25; Tit. 2:1.
 - f. Witnessing, testifying**--Josh. 24:22; Isa. 43:10; 44:8; Matt. 14:33; Luke 24:30-35; John 1:34; 4:39; Acts 1:8; 4:31, 33; 2 Tim. 1:8; 1 John 5:14; Rev. 12:11.
 - g. Giving thanks**--1 Chron. 16:8; 29:13; Psalm 7:17; 9:1; 67:3; 92:1; Luke 2:38; 17:16; Eph. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:57; 1 Thess. 5:18; Rev. 4:9.
 - h. Blessing**--1 Kings 8:14; Psalms 16:7 (in Hebrew); 68:26 (in Hebrew); Neh. 9:5; Mal. 3:12; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 11:27; Rom. 4:6-8; 12:14; James 5:11.
 - i. Encouraging**--Deut. 1:38; Isa. 1:17; Acts 11:23; 20:2; Rom. 12:8; 1 Thess. 4:18; Tit. 2:15; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25; 12:5.
 - j. Confessing** (the greatness of God or one's own sinfulness)--Lev. 5:5; 26:40; Num. 5:7; 1 Kings 8:33; Ezra 10:11; Neh. 1:6; Psalm 51; Matt. 3:6; 8:8; 10:32; John 20:28; Acts 19:18; Rom. 10:9-10; Phil. 2:11; Heb. 13:15; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9.
 - k. Making sacred exclamations, such as**
--"amen!" [=English "It is true!"] --Deut. 27:14-26; 1 Chron. 16:36; Neh. 8:6; Psalm 106:48; Matt. 5:26 (Gk); Rom. 1:25; 1 Cor. 14:16 (Gk); 2 Cor. 1:20; Gal. 1:5 (Gk); Rev. 3:14; 22:21.



NB members Bill Bryant, Anita Jones, and Milton Tolbert deliver meals to the needy in the early 1990's. The Bible considers this an act of worship (dmy)

--"come, Lord!" [=Aramaic "Maranatha"]--1 Cor. 16:22; Rev. 22:20-21.

--"praise the Lord!" [=Hebrew "Hallelujah!"]--Ruth 4:14; 1 Chron. 29:10; Psalms 103:1; 113:1; 149:9; 2 Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:3; Rev. 19:1-6.

5. Making music before God--Psalms 33:1; 47:7; 81:1; 98:4; 101:1; 150; 2 Chron. 5:12-13; Matt. 26:30; Acts 16:25; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; James 5:13; Rev. 4:10-11.

6. Making physical gestures before God



Israelite king Omri prostrate before Shalmaneser III: this is the meaning of the term most commonly translated worship in both the OT and the NT. Black Obelisk, British Museum (Steven G. Johnson, commons.wikimedia.org)

a. Bowing or kneeling--2 Chron. 6:13; 29:29; Psalms 5:7; 95:6; Isa. 45:23; Dan. 6:10; Matt. 2:11; 8:2; 17:6; 28:9-10; Acts 20:36; 21:5; Rom. 14:11; Eph. 3:14; Phil. 2:10; Rev. 22:8.

b. Standing--2 Chron. 6:13; Psalms 24:3; 76:7; Luke 19:8; Acts 2:14; 13:16; 17:22; Rom. 14:10; Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:14; 2 Thess. 2:15.

c. Dancing or jumping--Exod. 15:20; 2 Sam. 6:14; Psalms 30:11; 35:9 (in Hebrew); 96:9; 149:3; Isa. 35:6; Luke 6:23; Acts 3:8; 14:10.

d. Going "in procession"--Josh. 3-4; Numbers 2, 10:11-28; 2 Sam. 6:3ff.; Psalms 42:4; 118:27; Isa. 2:2; Matt. 21:6-11; 2 Cor. 2:14.

e. Lifting or spreading out the hands--1 Kings 8:22; 2 Chron. 6:13; Psalm 134:2; Lam. 3:41; Luke 24:50; Acts 13:16; 21:40; 1 Tim. 2:8.

f. Clapping hands--Psalms 47:1; 98:8.

g. Holy kissing--Job 31:27; Luke 7:45; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Pet. 5:14.

7. Wearing special clothing before God. Exod. 39:1-31; Deut. 22:5; Esther 4:1; Job 16:15; Psalms 29:2; 30:11; 96:9; Isa. 61:3; Jer. 4:8; Dan. 9:3; Matt. 11:21; Rom. 13:14; Col. 3:12-17 ("clothe yourselves"); 1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4; 5:5; Rev. 6:10-11; 19:8.

8. Religious feasting and eating sacred meals; or avoiding certain meals and fasting. Lev. 23:4ff.; Esther 9:18-32; Neh. 1:4; Psalm 35:13; Isa. 58:5-6; Matt. 6:16-18; 9:15; 26:17ff.; Acts 13:2; 14:23; 1 Cor. 5:6-11; 11:17-34; Jude 12.

9. Performing symbolic covenant acts (these are only select examples common to the OT and the NT).

a. Laying on of hands--Exod. 29:10; Lev. 1:4; 4:15; 8:10; Num. 27:18-23; Deut. 34:9; 2 Kings 13:16; Matt. 19:15; Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14; 5:22; Heb. 6:2.

b. Anointing with oil--Gen. 28:18; Exod. 30:22-33; 1 Chron. 29:22; Psalm 45:7; 2 Cor. 1:21; James 5:14; 1 John 2:20, 27.

c. Baptism, ceremonial washings--Exod. 29:4; Lev. 8:6; 11:25, 28, 40; Psalms 24:5; 51:7; Isa. 1:16; 4:4; John 2:6; Acts 2:38-40; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5; Heb. 6:2; 9:10; 10:22; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Rev. 7:14.

10. Honoring sacred time, sacred objects, and sacred places. Gen.

12:7; 28:16-17; Exod. 3:5; 19:10ff.; 20:8-11; 25:1-28:43; Josh. 4:19-24; 1 Kings 6:1ff.; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20; Col. 3:1-5; Heb. 3:6; 4:9-11; 11:16; 12:18-24; Rev. 4:2; 21:1-3.

11. Making sacrifices and giving gifts. Gen. 8:20; 22:2; 28:22; Lev. 1-7; 1 Chron. 21:24; Esther 9:19; Psalms 40:6; 50:14; 51:16; Matt. 26:6-7; Luke 19:8; Acts 2:45; 4:33; Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Phil. 2:17; 4:14-19; 1 Tim. 6:18-19; Heb. 10:10-18; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 John 2:2.

12. Service to God and others, including service as leaders. Num. 18:7;

Josh. 22:5, 14-15; Neh. 4:22; Psa. 72:11; Ezek. 44:24; John 13:1-17; Acts 6:1-4; Rom. 1:9; 1 Cor. 10:31; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 6:7; Col. 3:17; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 2:1-10; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; 5:2; Rev. 5:10.

13. Assembling with the believers. Lev. 23:4ff.; Josh. 24:1ff.; Neh. 8:1ff.; Psalm 35:18; Acts 2:42-47; 4:23ff. 20:7ff.; 1 Cor. 14; Heb. 10:24-25; 12:22; Rev. 4-5.



NB elders lay hands in prayer on the Eugene, Oregon team before they departed. The Bible considers this an act of worship (dmy)