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with enough power to...

- **cleanse from all sin**
 - **set us free from all bondage**
 - **break all the power of the enemy over us**
 - **restore us to total spiritual health**
 - **develop immunity to all last-day deceptions**
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#49 – WORSHIP: MAKING OTHERS GLAD IN GOD

In your life is worship a chore or a delight? Have you perhaps believed the lie of the enemy that worship is what a cranky, touchy deity requires of you so He will not have a bad day? And when Sabbath morning dawns, your first response is – *I would get a lot more out of worship being in bed thinking about church than in church thinking about bed.*

Unless we see worship from God's perspective, we are likely to believe these possible **lies** or **half-truths** that...

- worship is an opportunity to display our theological orthodoxy.
- worship is like a concert with the highest aesthetical content in music and art.
- worship is a weekly graduation exercise for those who during the week have lived according to the highest Christian standards of deportment.
- what happens in a worship service prior to the sermon is merely filler, and that, therefore, the sermon is the main event.
- worship is an intellectual learning experience of facts about God and the Bible.

God seeks worshipers (John 4:23) – not because He is an irritable deity who needs a certain quota of weekly compliments from his creatures to function – but because in worship we enter into the highest purposes for which we were created. In worship we come to know and enjoy Him. The question is not, do you enjoy worship (when it is done your way), but do you enjoy just being in the presence of your Creator God? He inhabits, or is enthroned, on the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

- *You will show me the path of life: in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures evermore (Psalm 16:11).*
- *My soul shall make its boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:3).*

- *Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified (Psalm 40:16).*
- *Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice (Psalm 68:3).*
- *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart (Psalm 37:3).*
- *This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).*

The source of this gladness, joy and delight is not derived from your personal approval of organs, pianos, guitars, choirs or even the sermon. This joy comes from the greatness, goodness, and sufficiency of God Himself. He is always worthy to be praised - even when you say, I don't get much out of the worship service.

Share your gladness in God with others. Then watch how God will use your gladness in Him as a most effective and contagious witness to make others glad in Him also. Let God through worship draw the wounded, the hurt, the broken and the afflicted into His very presence to redeem, restore, renew, and refresh them.

- *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. (Psalm 122:1).*
- *And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD (Psalm 40:3).*