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Monthly Newsletter

Building a Theology of Worship (Part 3)

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
Welcome to the seventeenth edition of W.o.W. (Word on Worship)—the monthly newsletter from Teshua Ministries designed to inspire, equip, and deepen our understanding of true worship. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are delighted to walk this journey of worship with you as we seek to glorify God and grow stronger in faith.

This publication reflects the heart and mission of Dr. Janicka, founder of Teshua Ministries, who is passionate about helping believers experience victorious worship that transforms lives. We pray that each edition ignites a greater hunger for God's presence and empowers you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for being part of the W.o.W. Word on Worship family. Let's continue this journey onward and upward to victory in Christ!

Blessings,
Teshua Ministries

In this newsletter:

Learn what it truly means to live a disciplined life of worship with Dr. Janicka.



BUILDING A THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP (PART 3)



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Introduction

The disciples' ministry work helps clarify additional principles for building a theology of worship. The disciples modeled worship as a lifestyle, following the example established by Jesus Christ. Their response to having walked with Jesus was to fulfill their charge, furthering God's desire for a relationship with man, His creation. Throughout the New Testament, the attitudes and actions of giving, relating to, and interacting with God demonstrate additional principles for building a theology of worship. As in the Old Testament, each of the New Testament principles continues the understanding that worship is directed toward God, the one who created heaven and earth.

THE DISCIPLES AND WORSHIP

The disciples, recorded in the New Testament, had the best opportunity to walk, talk, and be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, the living sanctuary. What they learned was not forgotten once Jesus Christ had fully



ascended after promising to send the Holy Spirit. This is evident because in the Word, the very first thing they did was worship after Jesus Christ had ascended and blessed them. Luke 24:51-53 shares, **"Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God."** Maintaining the example set by Jesus Christ, the disciples did not forsake the assembling of brethren, which included the Reading of the Word of God for instruction, prayer, praise, exhortation, and blessings, as well as open discussions (**Worship Through the Ages: How the Great Awakenings Shape Evangelical Worship**). Assembling as brethren was vital because together they corporately gave God honor, acknowledged God's greatness, and offered praise. The disciples were off to a good start with established worship principles.

There were eleven disciples: Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew; James the son of

Jesus' Chosen Eleven

- Peter
- James,
- John
- Andrew
- Philip
- Thomas,
- Bartholomew,
- Matthew
- James the son of Alphaeus,
- Simon the Zealot
- Judas the son of James
- AND Matthias

➤ Did not forsake the assembling of brethren!

- The Word of God read for instruction
- Prayer, praise, exhortation and blessings, and open discussions
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➤ Lived life as a testimony!

- Meaning evidence or witness, which became an act of worship by the disciples as a public profession of faith

Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By the end of Acts chapter 1, they added to their number a man named Matthias. Jesus Christ charged the disciples to spread the gospel, feed His sheep, and follow His example of worship. By walking with Jesus Christ, they gained an understanding of how to reverence God. Worship principles included acknowledging His holiness, submitting to His will, and seeking His provision. The principles also involved seeking forgiveness and God's protection, as well as acknowledging God's power.

For example, in Acts chapter 2, something amazing happened that incited worship when the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. The disciples, because they were endowed with the power of the Holy Ghost, spoke of holiness, God's will, forgiveness, and the power of God. They testified about Jesus, which affected worship. Testimony, meaning evidence or witness, became an act of worship by the disciples as a public profession of

faith. **“And with many other words did he (Peter, a disciple) testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers,”** in Acts 2:40–42.

Acts chapter two further demonstrates how they discovered that “preaching about Jesus Christ must be at the heart of a Christian theology of worship (**Called to Worship: From the Dawn of the Creation to the Final Amen**).” Peter preached, testified, and exhorted. The response by the people in attendance resulted in about 3,000 souls repenting. People were baptized, and they learned the doctrine. They also fellowshiped, broke bread, and prayed together. All forms of worship took place as they were an ecclesia, a called-out assembly, gathered for the purpose of worshiping God (**Can't Wait for Sunday: Leading Your Congregation in Authentic Worship**).

Preaching, being a living sacrifice, the sacrament of Communion, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and giving are all examples of worship in the New Testament by the disciples and believing Christians. Preaching about God was used to spread the message about the birth, life, and atonement for sins done

by Jesus Christ. For instance, I Timothy 3:16 mentions, **“Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”** For the disciples, the gospel of Jesus Christ was paramount as they actively moved among communities preaching as an example and act of reverencing God.

Also, as a spiritual act of worship, one can find biblical teachings about being a living sacrifice and serving God. Romans 12:1 states, **“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.”** Daily living that embodied the pursuit of holiness and ultimately pleased God was strongly encouraged. So much so that they prayed often for one another to succeed spiritually in this area. Colossians 1:9–10 shares, **“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”**

Commemorating the death of Jesus Christ through the partaking of sacraments was a part of worship because it turned one’s heart toward God. In 1 Corinthians 11:23–26, Paul wrote, **“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which**

The Disciples’ Worship

➤ Biblical principles

- Acknowledging holiness
- Submitting to the will of God
- Seeking God’s provision
- Seeking forgiveness and God’s protection
- Acknowledging the power of God

➤ Biblical principles

- Preaching, testifying and exhorting
- Fellowshiping and praying together
- Being a living sacrifice
- Serving God
- Sharing the sacraments of Communion
- Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Giving

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Essential Points to Ponder...

- Worship was a way of life for the disciples
- Jesus Christ had been the living example for the disciples, establishing clear principles for building a theology of worship
- New Testament worship principles shed greater light on the importance of remaining holy with a mindset to always direct all worship toward the awesome Creator himself, Yahweh, our God
- Building a theology of worship encompasses worship continually ascending to God through Jesus Christ

is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this

cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.” Partaking of the sacraments established another worship principle because the action acknowledged God's awesome power and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross for our sins. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to edify and exhort the body of Christ, all with the intention of glorifying God and not people. I Corinthians 14:12 states, **“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.”** Spiritual gifts are meant to unify the body of Christ and exalt God as an act of worship. This is further clarified in I Corinthians 12:4–6, which says, **“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”**

Giving, as evidence of worship, is another important principle. Historically, from King David in I Chronicles chapter 29 to the widow in Luke chapter 21 to II Corinthians chapters 8 and 9, giving was a reflection of worship to God (**Called to Worship: From the Dawn of the Creation to the Final Amen**). II Corinthians 9:10–13 declares, **“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men.”**

Overall, the disciples' work furthered the gospel of Jesus Christ and deepened God's plan for worship. The disciples were concerned about what people believed and how they acted in response to those beliefs. In the New Testament, the disciples sought to see more people experience the love of God through the redemptive work of Jesus

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CONCLUSION

The disciples sought to continue and proclaim worship as a way of life in the New Testament. Jesus Christ led by example, and through specific acts they further demonstrated clear principles for building a theology of worship following Jesus Christ's ascension. They received the promise of the Holy Spirit, which enabled the disciples and new believers to spread the gospel and reverence God more through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus Christ, the New Testament worship principles such as preaching, sacrificial living, serving, embracing spiritual gifts, and giving shed greater light on the importance of remaining holy and directing all worship toward the awesome Creator Himself, Yahweh, our God. The disciples understood this to be true and continued in the footsteps of Christ to establish more worshipers of God. Scripture teaches that even as God's love attends to us wherever we go, so should our worship. Building a theology of worship encompasses reverence and adoration continually ascending to Him. Today, when extended to its full capacity as seen in the New Testament, worship will daily encompass all of life for every believer. **(Can't Wait for Sunday: Leading Your Congregation in Authentic Worship).**

Let's Pray...

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for revealing through Your Word that worship is far more than a moment—it is a way of life. Thank You for the example of Jesus Christ and for the faithful witness of the disciples who demonstrated what it means to walk daily in obedience, reverence, and devotion to You.

Lord, teach us to become worshippers whose lives reflect Your holiness in every conversation, every decision, and every opportunity to serve. Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit so that our testimony points others to Christ, our gifts strengthen the body of believers, our generosity brings glory to Your name, and our hearts remain fully surrendered to Your will.

May our worship never be confined to a place or a single day, but may it rise continually through lives that honor You in spirit and in truth. Help us to walk in the footsteps of Christ, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel until the whole earth knows that You alone are worthy of all glory, honor, and praise.

We give ourselves to You again today as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing in Your sight. Let every breath we take and every work of our hands become an offering of worship to You.

In the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

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Save the Date: Let's Gather For Worship V

The wait is almost over! Let's Gather For Worship V is coming to Cornerstone Community Church in Vineland, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

We are excited and expectant for a powerful time of worship, teaching, fellowship, and transformation as we come together to grow deeper in our understanding of what it means to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

We cannot wait to see you there as we gather with worshippers, ministry leaders, and believers who desire to encounter the presence of God and continue growing as true worshippers. To stay connected and receive important updates, announcements, registration information, and details about Let's Gather For Worship V, join our email list today by clicking the link below.



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