

Freedom #12

Worship

Isaiah 38:18-19 *For the dead cannot praise you; they cannot raise their voices in praise. Those who go down to the grave can no longer hope in your faithfulness. 19 Only the living can praise you as I do today. Each generation tells of your faithfulness to the next. NLT*

God's love for you is real and vast. When we truly embrace the love God has for us, we begin to trust Him, and as our relationship with Him grows, we develop a great love for Him as well. An overflow of your relationship with God is worship. Worship is more than singing songs; it is a lifestyle.

Love & War

Worship is actually an act of warfare against Satan and demonic forces! Our worship puts the evil on the run and increases our ability to fight against powers of darkness in the heavenly realms.

Psalms 149:6 / John 14:30 NASB / Hebrews 9:22 / Hebrews 4:16 NIV

Nothing but the Blood

When Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God said "You will surely die." Obviously, He was referring to spiritual death, because they went on to live very long lives after they were banished from the garden. Sin has consequences, but even though God departed from man's spirit when man sinned.

Truth Unveiled

Acts 2:2-3 *Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. NLT*

First Love

God desperately longs to connect with our hearts. In Matthew 15:7-9, Jesus says there are people who honor Him with their words, "But their hearts are far from Him. Their worship is a farce."

Lessons from a River

4 Levels of Worship

- Ankle Deep – We can enjoy God's presence, but we are in full command.
- Knee Deep – The current of God (His presence) can be felt, but we maintain control.
- Waist Deep – The stream of His presence is strong.
- The Middle of the River – We experience the fullness of God's presence. God is in control.

Ways to Be a True Worshipper

1. Give God your affection

2 Chronicles 16:9 *The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war.* **NLT**

2. Commit to unconditional worship

True worship means praising God even when we don't feel like it. We must be committed to worshipping Him.

3. Include God in your daily life

John 15:5 *"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.* **NLT**

4. Be obedient

Hebrews 13:16 *And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.* **NLT**

5. Show reverence

Psalms 111:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.* **NIV**

In Spirit and Truth

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. 14 God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.* **NLT**

The Midnight Hour

Acts 16:23-34 / Ephesians 3:20

Praying for Purity

God desires to purify you! Ask Him to forgive you!