

## **PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD**

**PSALM 42:1** *As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.*

*"God loves everyone the same, but God does not fellowship with everyone the same."  
- Dr. Roy Hicks*

- 1. CONSECRATION** – Separating yourself unto God so you can fellowship with Him in the beauty of holiness.  
**(JAMES 4:8)**

You are to present yourself a living sacrifice to God with a commitment to live a holy life.  
**(ROM 12:1-2)**

- 2. SANCTIFICATION** – God doing His part to separate you unto Himself and to make you holy.  
**(1 THESS 4:1-3)**

How sanctified:

- A. By Christ  
**(HEB 10:10)**
- B. By the Holy Spirit  
**(2 THESS 2:13)**
- C. By the Word  
**(JOHN 17:17)**
- D. By faith  
**(ACTS 26:18)**
- E. By self-purging  
**(2 TIM 2:21)**

- 3. THE LORD IS LOOKING FOR TRUE WORSHIPPERS.**  
**(JOHN 4:21-24)**

- A. The Lord is actually seeking these people.
- B. "In Spirit" = From within, with your whole heart.

C. "In Truth" = From without-in reality, by lifestyle.

**4. THE LORD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO COME TO HIS HOUSE TO WORSHIP HIM.  
(ZECH 14:17)**

A. No worship – no rain!

**5. THERE ARE DIFFERENT BIBLE WAYS TO PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

A. Meditation  
**(PSALM 1:1-3)**

B. Prayer  
**(1 THESS 5:17)**

C. Fasting  
**(ISA 58:1-11)**

D. Praise  
**(PSALM 150)**

E. Worship  
**(JOHN 4:24)**

F. Singing  
**(PSALM 149:1)**

G. Church attendance  
**(ISA 2:3)**

H. Scripture readings  
**(1 TIM 4:13)**

I. Tithing  
**(DEUT 26:10)**

J. Giving  
**(PROV 3:9)**

K. Confession  
**(PSALM 149:6)**

- L. Christian fellowship  
(1 JOHN 1:3)

**6. WORSHIP AND PRAISE CAN GET YOU DELIVERED IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE.  
(ACTS 16:25-26)**

**7. THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU CAN WORSHIP THE LORD.  
HERE ARE SOME OF THEM:**

- A. Lifting up holy hands  
(1 TIM 2:8, PSALM 63:4, 134:2, LAM 2:19)
- B. Singing in the Spirit  
(1 COR 14:15, PSALM 33:3, 40:3)
- C. Speaking in tongues and prophesying  
(ACTS 10:46, 1 COR 14:15, 18, 25)
- D. Dancing before the Lord  
(PSALM 30:11, 149:3, 150:4)
- E. Clapping of the hands  
(PSALM 47:1, 98:8)
- F. With musical instruments  
(PSALM 33:2-3, 147:7)

**8. NINE WAYS TO WORSHIP GOD:**

- A. With your mouth
  - (1) Audible  
(PSALM 34:1, 40:16, 42:4)
  - (2) Singing  
(PSALM 27:6, 47:6, 61:8, 104:33, 147:7)
  - (3) Shouting  
(PSALM 5:11, 32:11, 35:27)

B. With your hands

(1) Lifting  
(PSALM 63:4, 119:48, 134:2, 1 TIM 2:8)

(2) Clapping  
(PSALM 47:1, 98:8)

(3) Instruments  
(PSALM 33:2-3, 57:8, 144:9, 147:7)

C. With your posture

(1) Standing  
(PSALM 134:1, 135:2)

(2) Dancing  
(PSALM 30:11, 149:3, 150:4, 2 SAM 6:14-16)

(3) Bowing  
(PSALM 95:6)

**9. FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM WORSHIPPING FATHER GOD:**

A. The breathless  
(PSALM 150:6)

B. The dead  
(PSALM 115:17)

C. The captive  
(PSALM 142:7)

D. The ignorant  
(PSALM 119:171)

E. Those in bondage  
(PSALM 137:4)

**10. THE BIBLE IS CLEAR ON THE DIFFERENT POSTURES USED IN WORSHIP.**

A. Clapping hands – approximately 5 scriptures

B. Raising hands – approximately 11 scriptures

C. Bowing – approximately 34 scriptures

- D. Kneeling – approximately 19 scriptures
- E. Sitting – approximately 2 scriptures
- F. Standing – approximately 24 scriptures
- G. Dancing – approximately 37 scriptures
- H. New Testament rejoice (agallao) – approximately 10 scriptures

**11. THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO BESEECH HIM AND TO CONVERSE WITH GOD.**

- A. Supplication  
**(1 TIM 2:1)**
- B. Petition  
**(1 JOHN 5:15)**
- C. Thanksgiving  
**(PHIL 4:6)**
- D. Intercession  
**(ROM 1:9)**
- E. Prayers  
**(ACTS 2:42)**

**12. PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE (HOLY COMMUNION) IS ONE OF THE FINEST, MOST EXCELLENT WAYS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD AND TO PRACTICE HIS PRESENCE.**

- A. Breaking bread.  
**(ACTS 2:42)**
- B. Do this as often as you can.  
**(1 COR 11:23-32)**