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POSTURE OF WORSHIP

NOT A QUESTION OF
WHEN BUT HOW?



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How do you worship?

8 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 9 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! 10 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! 11 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! 12 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, 13 O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. 24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. 27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. 28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! 29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; 30 tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" 32 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! 33 Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. 34 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

I Chronicles 16:8-13, 23-34

If you look closely at this passage, you'll probably notice that there is something that is entirely non-existent throughout: you and me...

Humanity's exclusion isn't some mistake or clerical oversight by the scribes of the Israelites. It wasn't lost in translation. There are no prerequisites present for worship to take place or necessary rituals that need to first be performed. The seasons do not need to be aligned; no moons waxing or waning, no harvest season showers required to lift our voices in praise to the Most-High God.

The songwriter's intentions were to show us and all the people of Israel that worship was in fact not a question of when we should worship as if there must be some designated time, but rather an instruction in showing us that there are a multitude of ways in which we must worship.



We aren't included because:

- Creation declares His existence and worships Him continuously without effort.
- Angels and divine beings alike, created by God, serve the sole purpose of lifting praises to Him.
- Our worship to Him is not merely intended or suggested, but it is completely expected.

This passage is the embodiment of the phrase, "it goes without saying..."

We don't exist here and now to maybe worship him as we privately pick the strings of our guitar. Worship isn't optional when our watercolors mix as our brush meets and streaks across canvas. It's not elective when we dance in our kitchen to some vintage Carmen or Kirk Franklin. Worship is not in question when you write your weekly poem or your next opinion piece on your blog, not even when you post your thoughts on your latest reel or story highlight.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14

The Bible informs us that we are both fearfully and wonderfully made. Every talent, hobby, and quirky interest was tailored by God to adorn you like some beautiful creature to mark you, set you apart, and grant you limitless, unique opportunity to wor-



Nobody has the same penchant for the things that you do and love. Only you can find a way to worship God in your creative process of graphic design. Only you can exquisitely display His handiwork in your needle work. Maybe no one puts on a concert in the shower like you do or has the ability market a product like He made you to do.

Every aspect, every design was unique in your DNA from the moment that God imagined you as He shaped the cosmos. So what I'm trying to say beyond the obvious statements that you are original and unique is that your worship of lifestyle doesn't have to be cookie-cutter or predetermined because it's just how worship is expected to look.

- It has never been a question of when we should worship Him but has always been a question of how you are going to worship Him right now?
 - Then how are you going to worship Him in 10 minutes?
 - Well then what is your worship going to look like tonight at 5pm?
 - What about on your drive home, how do you intend to worship Him then?

The process and method of worship was never intended to stop or cease for a moment. If planet earth decided to stop worshipping for even a moment and it ceased to spin in glory to its Creator, the molten core at the center of this earth would solidify, the atmosphere would fail, and gravity would cease to operate as we would all be shot into space. The earth would literally die if it's worship stopped. Shouldn't that be our mentality too?

So I ask again, how do you worship?

