

1. The Intelligence of Worship

I Cor. 14:15, 20 “So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind...Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.”

2. Our Reasons for Worship

Psalm 116:1,2,7 “I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live...Be at rest, oh my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.”

Psalm 119:171,172...175 “May my lips overflow with praise for you teach me your decrees. May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous...let me live that I may praise you...give me understanding that I may live.”

3. The Evangelistic Nature and Power of Worship

Psalm 40:1-3 “I waited patiently for the Lord...He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

Hebrews 13:15,16 “Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

4. The Freedom Necessary, and the Community Guaranteed to follow

Psalm 142:7 “Set me free from my prison that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.”

5. Worshipping: Remembering God’s goodness / Lifting Hands: Thirst

Psalm 143:5,6 “I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.”

6. Worshipping with Gladness and Thanksgiving: 2 Responsive states

Psalm 100:2-4 “Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs...Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

7. Worship: Certain Freedom / Reflecting on God’s Glory

2 Cor. 3:17, 18 “Now the Lord is the spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

8. Worship lets us see God’s Glory (i.e. his Goodness)

Exodus 33:18 “Then Moses said, ‘Show me your glory I pray.’ And the Lord caused all his goodness to pass before Moses...”

9. Lifted Hands in Worship: Lord I Need You

Psalm 28:2 “Hear the voice of my supplications as I cry to Thee for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy place.”

10. Lifted Hands in Worship: Lord I Bless You

Psalm 134:2 “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.”

11. Lifted Hands in Worship: Lord I Claim You

Psalm 114:3 “The Sea looked and fled.” (at Moses’ uplifted hands over Red Sea)

12. Lifted Hands in Worship: Lord I Praise You

Psalm 63:4 “I will praise You as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.”

13. Lifted Hands in Prayer: A Sign of Community

I Tim. 2:8 “I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”