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**WHY SHOULD I**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

**Acts 2:41-47**

THE **“WHY SHOULD I”** SERIES

CHECKING THE PULSE OF LIFE, MINISTRY AND INFLUENCE  
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

**Acts 2:41-47**

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Every Ingredient Needed for a Healthy Church  
You and I are the One Things Missing!

# WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?

## 1.) *Worship is a Spiritual Act*

Sadly Many Christian's Today are Either Ignorant about Worship or they are so Backslidden that Worship is Missing from their diet!

### ***Remember Church - Once in Heaven***

#1

Your Bible **Knowledge** will not matter

#2

Your Missionary **Exploits** will be over

#3

All of Your **Good Works**, Your **Ministry**, Your **Gifts**.  
Will no longer matter...

### ***These Things Shall be Done Away With!***

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. = worship!!!*

## ***The Pathology to Worship***

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

### 1a.) *It Requires - New Spirituality*

## WHY?

***Because the Bible says, God says man's heart is incurably wicked and self-centered!!!***

**Jeremiah 17:9-10a**

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind..."*

**Acceptable Worship  
Requires that a **New Spirit** be Within Us**

**Ezekiel 36:27a**

*"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you..."*

*"The Holy Spirit"*

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

***1b.) It Requires - The Divine Truth***

**John 4:23-24**

*"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.  
"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

***1c.) It Requires - Knowledge of The Holy One***

Worship Requires Knowledge  
- of the one you're worshipping

**The Ignorant worship of the Greeks**

**Acts 17:24-30**

*"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> "for in Him we live and move and*

*have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'<sup>29</sup> "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.<sup>30</sup> "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*

**Psalm 8:3-4a**

*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,<sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him,*

**Psalm 139:4-6**

*For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.<sup>5</sup> You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.*

**Knowledge of The Holy One**

This was Job's Velvet Lining at a Difficult Time

**Job 37:5**

*God thunders marvelously with His voice; **he does great things** which we cannot fully comprehend.*

More Knowledge of Him = Wonder = Worship

**Worship is a Spiritual Act**

**1d.) It Requires - Faith to Offer Up**

Spiritual Worship Requires Faith  
- that your worship is being received

**Hebrews 11:6**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

**Without Faith**

Our worship can Offend God

Our Worship Cannot be Mingled with Faith

## Faith - "Does Worship"

Abraham Built Altars Everywhere He Went,  
On any day of the week...

### ***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

#### **1e.) It Requires – Love from the Heart**

Worship Requires Love  
– it must come from the heart

#### ***Turn in Your Bible's to Luke 7:36-50***

*Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, <sup>38</sup> and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." <sup>48</sup> And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."*

“People who **know God personally** also know that **He has forgiven them**.  
The more **they appreciate** His forgiveness, the more **they Love Him**, the more  
they love Him – the more **they must worship!!!**”

## ***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

### ***1f.) It Requires – Purity of Life***

Worship Requires Purity in Our lives  
- God will not Tolerate Adultery!

#### **James 4:8**

*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (divided heart. To Imagine love for two different people)*

## **Dr James Say's...**

#### **James 4:4**

*You Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship (double-mindedness) with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend (lover) of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

## **Our Worship Should Align with Our Living**

*“Like Beautiful Incense.... and Burning Rubber”*

Fragrance (a godly life) will always be cancelled out by an Odeur.

We cannot be filled with an earthly mindset  
And think that we can worship an hour a week

#### **1 Timothy 2:8**

*I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and **doubting** = (wandering thoughts – being in another place)*

**If you love someone,**

your thoughts will be upon them

**Psalm 24:3-5**

*Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

**1.) *Worship is a Spiritual Act***

**WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?**

**2.) *Worship in Our Private Life***

**2a.) *The Beauty of Holiness***

**Being God Conscience in Private**

***The Reality of Worship in Our Private Lives is Revealed  
In Our Private Moments...***

**Psalm 23:4**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; **for You are with me...** so watch out stupid!*

**Psalm 29:2**

*Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

***Worship in Our Private Life***

**2b.) *The Loss of Self***

**Entering Worship  
Is like drawing nearer a furnace.**

When His Beauty Pulls You Closer,  
You Begin to See Him Larger,  
Until There Isn't any More Room for You.

**Matthew 16:25-26**

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

**Psalm 95:6**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

***Worship in Our Private Life***

***2c.) The Supreme Delight***

***Better: - To "Delight" in the Supreme***

It's the **Inclusion** of God in Everything

**Acts 17:28a**

*"for in Him we live and move and have our being..."*

What's Your Pleasure?

**Psalm 37:3-5**

*Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>  
Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup>  
Commit your way to the LORD...*

**WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?**

***3.) Worship – is a Response to Victory***

Note The Pathology of Biblical Worship

***Because Worship is a Response to Victory***

### **3a.) Victory Through - Fascination**

“If you can explain your object of worship then you cannot truly worship it.  
For it must hold us captive by its total contradiction from who and what we are.” -

A.W. Tozer

## Fascination

Opens our eyes wide to see who and what he is.

With Each Divine Revelation or Encounter  
There is an overwhelming fascination

I will not, cannot be backsliding if I'm in  
fascination of Him

VICTORY IN THE SPIRIT WAR  
Because I'm so fascinated by Him

***Because Worship is a Response to Victory***

### **3b.) Victory Through - Astonishment**

Noah Webster's 1828

**Astonished:**

Overwhelmed, Dumbfounded, Flabbergasted, Amazed, Dazed, Speechless, shocked,  
stunned, befuddled...

WHAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE WORLD TODAY?

To be Overwhelmed, To be Dumbfounded, To be Flabbergasted, To be Amazed, To be  
Dazed, To be Speechless, To be shocked, To be stunned,  
To be befuddled...

What They're Looking For is found in the Worship of God,  
But they won't believe us until they see us

If I could just see a miracle, then I would be astonished.

THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN

You Must Come to Him - if you're going to be astonished  
You Must Listen to Him - if you're going to be astonished  
You Must Follow Him - if you're going to be astonished

"If God is God Let Him Astonish Me"

You Wanna Be Astonished?  
Then go to Him

### **3c.) Victory Through - Reverence**

**Psalm 5:7**

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;  
in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

### **3d.) Victory Through - Adoration**

When We Focus on the Fact That He Loves us,  
The we cannot be stopped...

**Romans 8:38-39**

*For I am persuaded (adoratio) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities  
nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any  
other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.*

**Philippians 1:21**

*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

THE AMAZING UNSTOPPABLE APOSTLE  
Action Figure

***Because Worship is a Response to Victory***

### **3e.) Victory Through - Praise**

# The Act or Call to Praise

Has gotten a Bad Rap from the Legalists of Our Day

## EXPLANATION:

BECAUSE THERE IS NO JOY IN THEIR LIVES THEY CANNOT SEE THE VALIDITY OF PRAISE.  
THEY ARE MORE INTERESTED IN THE LOFTY HYMNS, THE TRADITIONAL SONGS,  
BECAUSE THEY CANNOT FIND A NEW SONG IN THEIR HEARTS...

## Praise is Spontaneous in Nature

### Psalm 66:3-4

*Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power your enemies shall submit themselves to You. 4 All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name." – Selah – meditate on that!*

### Ephesians 5:18-19

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

### Psalm 100:3-4

***Know** that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> **Enter** into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. **Be thankful** to Him, and bless His name.*

Are You Ready for Heaven?

## Then Lets Practice