

Father Desires Sons Who Worship!

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:21-24

"But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry." Luke 15:20-24

Main Point: Father's passion – For you to connect your spirit with His Spirit for the purpose of exchanging love, affection, adoration...unto highest praise & worship. Father is proactively looking for intimacy with you through worship.

1. What is worship? It is thanking, adoring, loving Father for who He is. Praise is thanking and celebrating God for what He has done. Worship starts with a revelation of God as a good and loving Father. Father initiates worship by pouring out to His creation a constant stream of "life" in every form. In Father, you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28
2. Where does this spiritual worship take place? In the spirit realm with your spirit becoming one with Father's Spirit. "But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit." 1 Cor. 6:17 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" 1 Cor. 6:19
3. Why is truth important? Because the spirit realm is full of dangerous and deceiving demonic spirits. Truth protects us from the deadly combination of our own "orphaned-enslaved-worldly" spirits Ro. 8:15, influenced by 1.) the spirit of the world, 1 Co. 2:12, 2.) other demonic spirits Matt. 16:23, Acts 16:16-18, 3.) the world itself, 1 Jn. 2:16. The Truth, that comes from God's Word, Spirit, and Body of Christ, tells us that we are worshipping the right Father in the right way! Satan is a counterfeit "father" – a father of lies Jn. 8:44. Satan has sons, Jn. 8:44, 1 Jn. 3:10. The truth sets us free Jn. 8:32.
4. Why is Father proactively looking for worshippers? Because He is all about intimacy and love!
5. What is the starting point for becoming a "worshipper"? The focus is always on Father. Turn to Abba.
 - A. He is loving you unconditionally right now. Father is not distancing Himself from you based on your sin, failure, shame or guilt. That has been paid for by Christ's shed blood and death on the cross.
 - B. He is looking for you!
 - C. Father never loses hope. He will never give up. He is unrelenting in His love for you.
 - D. Father's heart will always respond to your repentance (turning toward Him).
 - E. Father wants to reinstate you into the place of being a "royal son" through Jesus.
 - F. Become a son of God. This is a complete change of identity. You become a new species. 2 Co. 5:17
 - G. Know what your Abba is really like. Total mercy & kindness, goodness, affection. He likes you.
 - H. Freely receive Abba's unconditional grace: goodness, love and affection from Abba. Believe & receive.
 - I. Turn away from sin, which is independence from Abba. Sin is a disconnected heart. Both the younger son and the older son were in a state of sin. They both had disconnected hearts from their Dad. One preferred worldly unrighteousness which is lawlessness. The other preferred earning the benefits of Father, but not Father Himself, which is living under the law. This is a manifestation of self-righteousness, an inner perception that one must be or do something in order to receive Father's love.
6. Reciprocate intimate love back to Father as a way of life 1 Cor.10:31-33. Give Him exuberant worship! Give Abba what He wants, in the way He wants it. Don't hold back, Psalm 149, 150; 1 Cor. 14:25!