



Congregational Worship December 26, 2004

God's People Worshipping Together

Psalm 22:22,25; 26:8,12; 27:4; 35:18; 68:24-26; 69:9; 107:32; 122:1

The importance of assembling together with God's people:

Hebrews 10:25 Psalm 42

Jesus worships with the brethren Hebrews 2:11-12 (quoting from Psalm 22:22)

Some of us have the misconstrued idea that we can live the Christian life in isolation without being actively connected with fellow believers. This is obviously an incorrect notion and often opens the door to deception and spiritual self-centeredness. More importantly, if we isolate ourselves we miss out on God's great purpose of congregational worship. Consider this – congregational worship is so important that we are going to be doing it together in heaven for a long time to come!

Why Is It Important To Worship Together ?

One main reason: A body of sanctified and worshipping priests is the only human agency that God will use to carry His presence on earth.

The carrying of the Ark of the Covenant
(Historical Background 1 Samuel 6:1-21)

1 Chronicles 13:1-12 1 Chronicles 15:1-29 (parallel reference 2 Samuel 6:1-15)

The Ark of the Covenant was the symbol of Divine Presence.

A cart was a man made vehicle. Two people drove the cart – Uzza and Ahio. Uzza means strength. Ahio means brotherly, friendly. Allegorizing from this – human efforts fuelled by human energy and interpersonal expertise cannot usher God's presence.

Key Verse : 1 Chronicles 15:13

Priests carry the presence of God. Our programs, our events, our systems, our technology, etc., as good as these may be, they cannot carry the presence of God. Only a body of worshipping priests can!

What Happens When We Worship Together ?

1. Congregational Worship Becomes A Means For Deliverance

2 Chronicles 20:14-28

Worship becomes a means for our deliverance.

Our worship of God in effect diminishes the impact and influence satan can have.

Worship is the pathway to our deliverance and our entrance into our destiny as a church.

2. Congregational Worship Opens The Door To Blessing, Success, Advancement, Victories, Transformation



2 Chronicles 29 The first thing that King Hezekiah did when he ascended the throne was to restore congregational worship

As a consequence:

There was great joy in the nation 2 Chronicles 30:25-27

He enjoyed success as a king 2 Chronicles 31:20,21

God's people experienced supernatural victory over the Assyrian king 2 Chronicles 32:18-23

3. As We Worship The Works of God Manifest

Worship invites God's presence and power to move among those who are worshipping Him.

When God moves things happen:

False gods and powers come crushing down Isaiah 19:1 1 Samuel 5:1-7

Psalms 68:1-2 97:1-5

Hardened hearts are softened; deceived hearts receive new light; stubborn hearts open up; - as they sense the reality of God's presence among a worshipping body.

The spiritual atmosphere is also cleansed as God invades and false-gods crumble at His presence.

When people arrive at a worshipping church, they encounter the very presence of God. Hearts are melted, lives are changed.

Worship is central to the advancing of God's Kingdom on the earth.

4. The Lord Speaks To A Worshipping Body

Acts 13:1-3

As we minister to the Lord, we can expect the Holy Spirit to speak and give His directions.

The conclusion of the whole matter

We are called to worship – individually and corporately.

Worship is the purpose of our being as individuals and as a church.

Worship is our central focus, not a secondary activity. Worship should precede all efforts.

Worship is more than a concept, it is something we live out all the time, everywhere.

Worship will empower us to make a difference in our city, nation and in the nations.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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