



**How You Can Engage in Personal Worship
The Pursuit of His Presence Sermon Series (Part 3) – Personal Worship
Sunday Sermon, May 24, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

Personal Worship – you worshipping God personally and privately.

While we do spend regular times in corporate worship, we must recognize the importance and practice of personal worship.

THE FATHER DESIRES TRUE WORSHIPERS

John 4:23-24

23 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.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

worship Greek *proskuneō* (pronounced *pros-koo-neh'-o*) meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand; to fawn or crouch to, that is, (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage, do reverence to, adore, worship.

The word is formed from: *pros* = "toward", *kyneō* = "to kiss".

Its most literal ancient sense was: "to kiss toward".

From this developed the cultural meaning of bowing down, kneeling, prostrating oneself, showing reverence before someone greater. In the ancient world, people would bow and kiss the hand, feet, or ground before a king, ruler, or deity as an act of submission and honor.

So *proskuneō* carries the idea of: reverence, devotion, submission, adoration expressed physically and inwardly.

COMING BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

Psalm 95:1-8

1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also.

5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

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



7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you will hear His voice:

8 "Do not harden your hearts,...

Note the different actions/verbs as we come before His presence: sing, shout joyfully, thanksgiving, worship, bow down, kneel, hear His voice

In Psalms 95:6, the English word “worship” comes from the Hebrew verb: shāchāh
Similar to proskuneō, the basic meaning of shāchāh is: **to bow down, to prostrate oneself, to lower oneself in homage.**

Note how the passage leads us into hearing His voice. As we worship in His presence, we encounter Him. We often hear His voice. The call is not to harden our hearts, but to receive and obey the voice of the Lord.

IN PERSONAL WORSHIP WE PRACTICE PRIVATELY WHAT WE DO COLLECTIVELY

While many of us are familiar with congregational worship what we do collectively, in personal worship we practice worshipping God personally and privately. We sing, praise, worship, bow down, lift up our hands, etc. in our private space - in our room or in the solitude of our hearts - directly to God.

OUR ALTAR IS NOT A PLACE BUT A PERSON - JESUS CHRIST

Hebrews 13:10,15

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

The writer of Hebrews contrasts the altar in the Old Testament and the Altar in the New Testament.

Our Altar is not a place – it is not a church building, not a special place – but it is Jesus Christ Himself. He is our Altar. And “by Him” we offer our sacrifice of praise and worship to God.

In Deuteronomy 27:5-6 God instructed His people through Moses, that they must only build an altar with whole stones – stones that have not been worked upon with any iron tool. This speaks to us that the altar that is acceptable to God is what He alone provides,



not made with human hands. The Lord Jesus is the Perfect Altar provided for us by God Himself.

WE CAN WORSHIP ANY TIME, ANY WHERE, ANY PLACE

Since our Altar is the Person of Jesus we can worship anytime, anywhere, any place. Since we worship in spirit and truth, we do not depend on any other human person.

PRACTICE WORSHIPPING IN YOUR HEART

We must learn to practice having a heart of worship all the time and worshipping God personally, in private.

Ephesians 5:18-21

**18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.**

When we live filled with the Spirit – one of the outcomes is that we have a heart that overflows with praise, worship and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Here are some practical ideas. You can come up with more:

Thanking Him at every opportunity.

Listening to worship songs and singing along.

Worshipping Him in the privacy of your room.

If you play an instrument – you can play and sing along in your room.

What happens when we practice personal worship?

All that we know and usually expect in congregational worship, now happens to us in private when we engage in personal worship.

Let's review a few of these outcomes:

GOD DWELLS IN OUR PRAISE

Psalm 22:3

But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.



God inhabits, dwells, sits as King, enforces His rule and reign over our lives as we praise and worship. We can expect the power and the glory of His Kingdom to manifest in our lives as we engage in personal worship.

WE ENCOUNTER HIM, WE HEAR HIS VOICE

As we read earlier in Psalm 95:1-8 we encounter His voice.

THE ENEMY IS STOPPED AS WE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Psalm 8:1-2

1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

ordained strength = in Matthew 21:16 Jesus interpreted "ordained strength" as "perfected praise".

Psalm 149:5-9

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Obviously, Psalm 149 is not talking about physically chaining up nobles and kings. This is a spiritual happening, as we praise and worship our God!

Will you intentionally make personal worship a part of your devotional life. Take time to worship Him personally and privately.

APC CENTRAL

Diane Charles (Teen church) singing special song: Praise The Lord

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SUMMARY



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GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *John 4:23-24; Psalm 95:1-8; Psalm 8:1-2; Psalm 149:5-9*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time



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for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Reflect on the meaning of the "worship" as mentioned in this sermon from John 4:23-24, and Psalm 95:1-8. What does this tell us about the heart posture we need to maintain before God.

2, Based on Psalm 95:1-8, what are things we do as we come before His presence? What is the result this passage presents to us?

3, Discuss the three outcomes of worshipping God that we covered (a)God dwells in our praise (b)We encounter Him, we hear His voice (c)The enemy is stopped.

4, Hebrews 13:10,15 teaches us that our altar is not a place, but the Person – Jesus Christ. Discuss the importance of understanding this.

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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

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CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We explain the practice of personal private worship. We emphasize that our altar is not a place, but the Person. Jesus is our Altar through whom we worship and hence we can worship anywhere and at any time. We also discuss three outcomes of worshipping God (a) God dwells in our praise (b) We encounter Him we hear His voice (c) The enemy is stopped. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

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