

KSCF NYANDARUA ASSOCIATES AND CU PATRONS

VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON
WORSHIP AND MUSIC

JANUARY 12, 2021


Time: 7.30pm to 9pm



WHEN YOU STEP OUTSIDE



**AFTER A GREAT
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**


CHURCHOFLAUGH.COM
[@CHURCHOFLAUGH](https://www.instagram.com/CHURCHOFLAUGH)

Worship

- Worship is not the slow song that the choir sings. Worship is not the amount you place in the offering basket. Worship is not volunteering in children's church. Yes, **these may be acts or expressions of worship**, but they do not define what true worship really is. There are numerous definitions of the word *worship*. ... True worship, in other words, is defined by the priority we place on *who* God is in our lives and *where* God is on our list of priorities. True worship is a matter of the heart expressed through a lifestyle of holiness.
- Delesslyn A. Kennebrew, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/biblestudies/bible-answers/spirituallife/what-is-true-worship.html>.

- Notice the word “priority.” The object of worship is critical. That means whatever we choose to prioritize as worthy of worship, that becomes our god. For Christians, God as revealed in the Bible is the one we should worship.
- “Worship is the process of surrendering your entire life into God’s hands. Everything you do can – and should – be an act of worship.” Tobin Perry, <https://ccsweeklydevotions.wordpress.com/2018/03/25/serving-is-an-act-of-worship/>.

We should God for who He is.

- Psalm 95:1-6

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. **2** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. **3** For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. **4** In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. **5** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. **6** Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Psalm 29:2

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, **for the LORD our God is holy.**

Matthew 4:10

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: '**Worship** the Lord your God, and serve **him only.**'"



**WHEN THEY PLAY
YOUR FAVORITE
SONG DURING
WORSHIP YOU BE
LIKE....**

There are many ways to express worship to God. Singing is just one of them although some people think it is the primary way to worship.

Think about it: Is the whole service a worship service or does worship happen in the last few slow songs after celebratory praises?

What does it mean when someone says, “we are now going to worship the Lord?” What have you been doing before that?

Holy Spirit and Worship

John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the **Spirit** and in truth.

The Holy Spirit knows the heart of God. Connecting with Him connects us to the mind of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

**THAT AWKWARD MOMENT
YOU START SINGING...**



**BEFORE THE
WORSHIP TEAM DOES**

WWW.THEHAYSTACK.TV

Worship Expressions

1. Singing praises to Him

Isaiah 12:5

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Psalms 66:4

All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.

Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

- The presence of God is not determined by the energy and vigor of a song. We tend to think that the sweeter the music the greater the anointing.
- The anointing does not depend on the pitch of the notes or the length of the singing.
- The anointing does not depend on the model of instruments and strobe lights.

2. Lifestyle – Habits, behaviours, and actions

Romans 12:1-2

- **1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-**this is your true and proper worship.** **2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world,** but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

THAT MOMENT WHEN...

@lena_indygal



**SOMEONE TAPS YOU ON
THE SHOULDER WHILE
YOU'RE IN DEEP WORSHIP**

Worship is More than a Song

- When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart
- I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

- I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
- Lyrics by Matt Redman, *When Music Fades*

3. Obedience to God's Word

1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? **To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.**

5. Offerings – supporting the work of God

1 Chronicles 16:29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; **bring an offering** and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

6. Works of service

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and **glorify your Father in heaven.**

7. Thanksgiving – a grateful heart

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, **let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.**

Ungodly Music or Worship

- Deuteronomy 29:18

Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose **heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations**; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

2 Kings 17:38

- Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods.

Ungodly Music or Worship

- Yes, hearts can turn away and worship other gods. There can be expressions that indicate reverence to other gods.
- There is music that does not glorify God. Some songs are not aligned to the Scriptures. They make us excited but have no substance.
- Since worship takes different forms, expressions can be directed towards the devil or the flesh (entertainment).

Checklist for Worship Music

- Is it theologically sound?
- Is it biblically correct?
- Is it glorifying God?
- Is it drawing people closer to God?

“Worship” Time

- How much time should be dedicated to singing?

Perhaps the right questions are:

1. How is the Holy Spirit saying or leading in the service?
2. Why are we singing—cover time, welcome the preacher, tradition, fun, warm up, or fill up time?

Time allocated can be long or short. What matters most is purposefulness.

“Worship” Time

- When the CU accords most time to singing
 1. Have a personal understanding of worship
 2. Lovingly guide the CU leaders on what it means to worship
 3. Be courageous to call out songs that are void of any substance



Conclusion

- The object our worship must be God
- Worship takes many different expressions
- Singing is just one of the ways of worshipping God
- Good music is great but worship is never about the music but intimacy with God
- Good ambience is great but the Lord responds more to surrendered hearts
- Encourage worship teams to prepare their hearts as well when they practice the songs
- The Holy Spirit helps in worshipping the Lord

Worship is a 24/7 engagement. The intensity we present through song should be reciprocated in other expressions of worship.

The state of the heart
matters more than the
state of the stage.