

# Worship

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Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world,<sup>[a]</sup> but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.<sup>[a]</sup>

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Psalm 95:1-7

1 Kings 18:30-38

Amos 5:21-24

“Biblical worship is . . . a response to God's revelation of Himself, empowered by the Holy Spirit, which finds expression in every aspect of human life and experience.”

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Romans 3:20-26

Romans 4:23-5:2

Romans 5:8-11

Romans 5:16-19

Romans 8:1-4

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains 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.

Psalm 95:1-7

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he  
repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the  
number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be  
your name," 32 and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench  
about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs[a] of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order and  
cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the  
burnt offering and on the wood." 34 And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time.  
And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. 35 And the water ran around the altar and  
filled the trench also with water.

36 And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, God  
of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your  
servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this  
people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." 38 Then the  
fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and  
licked up the water that was in the trench.

1 Kings 18:30-38

"I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
24 But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:1-24