

## CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH

# ADORATION

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You connect with God through adoration. You feel closest to God when you are ministering to His heart through worship. When you worship, you forget others are in the room because your attention and affection is focused on the King. Sounds, rhythms, cadence, and songs usher you into a deeper place. You can sing a lyric, but you digest the lyrics by meditating and focusing on the One whom your soul loves. This leads you to see more aspects of God and grow in intimacy with Him. You encounter Him the most when you worship because this is what He has created you for. You worship God with your voice and instruments, but you also worship Him by stopping throughout the day to tell Him how much you love Him. You connect with God through adoration by keeping your heart bent towards the Holy Spirit and keeping your ears available to hear what He is speaking to you.

In Exodus 32, the Levites were one of the 12 Tribes of Israel. They were set apart by their loyalty and zeal for the Lord. When the rest of Israel bowed to an idol, the Levites stood firm to only worship the one true living God. Because they were set apart, they were tasked with the responsibility of the Tabernacle and to usher in God's tangible presence through worship. Like the Levites, you minister to the Lord through music and focus on welcoming His Presence in every environment you are in. Looking at Jesus is the easiest way into the Throne Room. Worship is how you enter into His Presence. To worship Him is to live, so worship in Spirit and in Truth, in music and in action, in sorrow and in joy.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Write songs, poems, or love letters to God.
- Create a playlist of worship songs that get you into the Presence of God for your daily encounters.
- Sing Scripture. When you sing Scripture, it can help you understand it.
- Picture the Lord in front of you as you worship. How does He want to reveal himself to you?
- Spend time with your instrument or voice with the Lord. Offer this to Him. Even one note moves His heart.
- Sing your heart to Him - sing spontaneous songs.
- When you worship, put your mind on seeing the face of Jesus so you can sing directly to Him. Worship is not for you! Sing about what He has done and who He is.
- Sing or declare the Psalms.
- Sing in your spiritual language.
- Listen to worship music or worship pads while reading your Bible.

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32, 1 Chronicles 23, The Book of Psalms, Psalm 34, Psalm 63, Psalm 84, John 4, John 12, Ephesians 5:15-21, Colossians 3, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 14, Hebrews 9, Hebrews 11:6

## ENCOURAGEMENT

In your worship, put your focus and adoration to the Lord instead of toward what is grabbing your attention. When you worship Him, you are magnifying the Lord over everything in your life. Some think worship is a response to a feeling, but worship is a response to who He is. Don't hold back your worship based on what you are feeling.

Worship the Lord at all times! The reason you can bless the Lord at all times is because He is worthy of worship at all times. You can give to Him before you receive. He is a rewarder of those who seek after Him (Hebrews 11:6). Find the way to give adoration to Him in the season you are in. Worship is a heart posture. Whether you can sing or you're not musically inclined, you don't need to perform. Your adoration moves God's heart, no matter what you sound like.

## BOOKS

- How to Worship a King by Zach Neese
- Following the River by Bob Sorge