

## THE RESPONSE OF WORSHIP

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**MAIN IDEA:** As God's love, grace and mercy... his holiness and glory, become real to us, we respond. That response is worship. We respond back with expressed love, adoration, awe, tears, joy, dancing, singing, praise, lifting our hands and voice, even shouting. Worship.

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

**There is a desert in the Promised Land?!?**

**Worship in the trenches of life** (1 Sam 23; 2 Sam. 15)

Sometimes **self-induced/inflected**; sometimes **not**. You can be in the center of God's best/heart/will and all heck can break loose (Jn. 16:33; Jas. 1:2f; 2 Cor. 4:17; Rom. 5:3f; Heb. 10:32-36; Rev. 12:11; Matt. 5:45)

**Biblical Definition:** Bow/kneel in reverence; Turn to kiss; honor, adore; Serve in response; place oneself in the service of

**1. Worship is the natural response when God has become REAL and PERSONAL to us.** *When he reveals himself.*

Jeremiah 31:33

Reveals **Love** (*chesed*): kindness, mercy, compassion, unfailing love, loyalty

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God... For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." **Colossians 1:15, 19-20** NLT

**2. Worship is our EXPRESSED RESPONSE to God.** *No worship without expression.*

Behold, lips praise, bless, lift hands, joyful praise, remember, meditate, sing

*"Preference and temperament must always yield to the Word of God"* **Terry Virgo**

**3. When we give ourselves to praise and worship God, we experience some of the SATISFACTION of our created purpose.** *Made for this.*

"My soul will be **satisfied** as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips..." **Psalm 63:5**

**4. Worship is not limited to one religious PLACE or ACTIVITY, but transcends all of life... it is a *lifestyle*.** *Not just a Sunday AM activity!*

"With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him." **Romans 12:1** JBP

**5. Worship is a CHOICE to respond to God and what he has done, regardless of our circumstances.**

***I will:*** <sup>4</sup> bless you, *I will* lift my hands, <sup>5</sup> *I will* be satisfied, *I will* praise you with joyful lips, <sup>7</sup> *I will* sing for joy, <sup>3</sup> my lips will praise you.

Hezekiah commands (2 Chron. 29:30)