

# Drawing Near to God to Worship

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- It's all about **God**
- What about God awes you?
- How often do you devote *alone time* with God?
- What is it about God that stirs you to seek Him?
- How do you find your way back to God after trouble or discouragement?
- What is the best way to worship God?
- Notice a pattern in all these questions? It is all about **God!** That is the essence of worship! We worship God not because He offers us grace, or even because He loves us, but because He deserves all praise and honor and glory because He **is** God! The closer you look at the love, the character, the righteousness, the wisdom, and the power of God, the more you see how much worship He deserves!
- So, how is your walk with God lately? Is it full of worship, praise and thanksgiving? Are your mornings and evenings filled with singing? Do you find yourself thanking God for everything you can think of throughout the day? Are you *inventing* ways to praise and honor God? Do you secretly dance in your house because you delight in God's Word and for the sake of His greatness?
- But do you ever feel like "it just isn't there" to worship from your heart? We are supposed to worship in Spirit and in truth. But you cannot worship what you don't know, therefore the more you know God, not just "of" God, but the more you live in that closeness with God, the greater your worship, to God's good pleasure! (hug analogy)
- Indicators that there is opportunity to draw nearer to God...

## *Let's look at what it means to draw nearer to God...*

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- So what does it mean to draw near to God? Do you need to roll up your sleeves and work harder at it?
- The state of your relationship with God has less to do with you than you may think or care to acknowledge:
  - **Psalm 46:10** - Be still, and know that I am God
  - **Prov. 3:6** - In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
  - **Psalm 37:4** - Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
  - **Phil 2:1-13** - Draw near to God, He will work through you!

- **Iron ore analogy...**
- So **why?** To reflect His glory, His greatness and declare to the world that he **deserves** it!
  - God does not need our worship, but He **deserves** it!
- If we were to give according to what is deserved, what should we give to God?
- Who created everything? Who has the ultimate:
  - Wisdom
  - Power
  - Love
  - Sacrifice for your sake
  - Joy
- It has nothing to do with works, but just to, as **Psalm 46:10** says: *“Be still, and know that I am God”*
- **Read Scriptures**

## Recap:

- **It’s all about God.** When we are singing, give it all to God. When alone, among the world or with disciples It’s all about God. Give it all to God.
- **God deserves to be worshipped with our best.**
  - **On Sundays, to you come to church, or to *worship*?**
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- **Draw near to God** in order to better know Him to better worship Him, and as a side-benefit we get to enjoy the radiance of God in our lives!