

NL STUDY GUIDE

FIRE WITHIN

Part 3: Worship

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PSALM 27:4

4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

JOHN 4:23

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

JOHN 4:9-10

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

JOHN 4:25-26

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

PSALM 34:3 (NKJV)

1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

2 I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

1 PETER 2:9

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Use this guide for personal and family devotions and weekly groups.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 34:3, 1 PETER 2:9, JOHN 4:9-10, JOHN 4:34, PSALM 27:4

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OBSERVATION

HISTORICAL NOTE

The word "worship" has its origins over 1,000 years ago. It's a Middle English word combined from "Worth" and "ship," which means, "to assign worth to something." If you believe something has worth, you treat it with value, with respect. You take care of it and you ensure that nothing happens to it. It has come to mean, "reverent honor paid to God."

What is worship? It might be easier to say what worship is not: it's not music, it's not a song, it's not something you do with your hands. Worship is an attitude of the heart. It's realizing there is something greater than us, someone bigger than our problems. When we do that, we show God that He has worth, that He has value and that He is the most important thing. You can worship God in a lot more ways than just singing, and when we think of worship as just a piece of music, we miss out on everything it can be.

APPLICATION

How can you worship God this week? What can you do besides singing that shows God that He has value and worth in your life? Don't limit yourself to thinking worship can only happen at the start of a service or anytime you're listening to the right music. When you live with a heart of worship, you realize that you can worship God as you do your job, as you play with your children, as you sit and read your Bible.

When you remember that the God of the universe, the One who created everything, cares so deeply about you that He sent His Son to earth to die for you. To help you live the greatest life you could ever live. That alone should inspire you to show God just how incredible He is, in everything you do, in every way that you live.

PRAYER

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My take away today: _____

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