

WHY WE

# Worship

THE WAY WE DO



**THE FOLLOWING VERSES EXPLAIN WHY WE WORSHIP THE WAY WE DO. OUR FOCUS, HOWEVER, IS NOT UPON ROUTINE OR RITUAL. WE WANT TO PRAISE GOD SPONTANEOUSLY. JUST AS KING DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT (2 SAM 6:14), WE WANT TO BE FREE TO PRAISE GOD ENTHUSIASTICALLY, WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND SPIRITUALLY.**

## *Why do we worship God?*

“Time will come however, indeed it is already here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshippers. God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23,24

“Bless - affectionately, gratefully praise - the Lord O my soul and all that is deepest within me, bless His Holy name.” Psalm 103:1

“After this I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in Heaven exclaiming Hallelujah- Praise the Lord! Salvation and glory, splendour and majesty and power, dominion and authority belong to our God! After that I heard what sounded like the shout of a vast throng, like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of terrific and mighty thunder peels exclaiming Hallelujah- Praise the Lord! For now the Lord our God, the Omnipotent- the Almighty reigns!” Revelation 19:1,6



## *Why do we stand to sing?*

“And the Levites of the Kohathites and the Korahites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a very loud voice”... 2 Chronicles 20:19

“After this I looked, and a vast host appeared which no-one could count, gathered out of every nation from all tribes and peoples and languages. These stood before the throne and before the Lamb; they were attired in white robes with palm branches in their hands. In a loud voice they cried saying: Our salvation is due to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb.” Revelation 7:9-10

## *Why do we clap our hands?*

“Oh, clap your hands all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph and songs of joy!”  
Psalm 47:1

## *Why do we lift our hands?*

“So will I bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.” Psalm 63:4

“I desire therefore that, in every place, men should pray without anger or quarrelling or resentment or doubt in their minds, lifting up holy hands.”  
1Timothy 2:8



## *Why do we sing in tongues & in English?*

“For if I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit by the Holy Spirit within me prays but my mind is unproductive—it bears no fruit and helps nobody. Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit— by the Holy Spirit that is within me; but I will also pray intelligently— with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit— by the Holy Spirit that is within me; but I will sing intelligently with my mind and understanding also.” 1 Corinthians 14:14,15

## *What about prophecy?*

“The Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy? But he that prophecies speaks unto men to edification and encouragement and comfort”  
1 Corinthians 14:3

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with all... To another the working miracles, to another prophecy.” 1 Corinthians 12:7,10

## *Why do people sometimes dance in church?*

“Let them praise His name with dancing.”  
Psalm 149:3a

“Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing”  
Psalm 150:4



# Why do we have speaking in tongues and interpretation of those tongues in the church?

“So my brothers, be eager to prophesy and do not forbid speaking in tongues.” 1 Corinthians 14:39

“If some speak in a strange tongue let the number be limited to two or at the most three, and each one taking his turn, and let one interpret and explain what is said.” 1 Corinthians 14:27

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# Why are musical instruments part of the worship service?

“Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with the tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.” Psalm 150:3-5

“And I heard a voice from Heaven like the sound of great waters and like the rumbling of mighty thunder; the voice I heard of harpists accompanying themselves on their harps”.

Revelation 14:2

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*Why does the whole church sometimes pray at once for specific needs?*

“And they, when they heard it, lifted their voices together with one united mind to God and said Oh! Sovereign Lord, you are he who made the heaven and the earth and the seas and everything that is in them.”  
Acts 4:24

## **SUGGESTED PRAISE VERSES YOU CAN LEARN AND USE.**

“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice”  
Philippians 4:4

“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1

“Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy.” Psalm 28:6

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.”  
Psalm 48:1a

“In God whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?”  
Psalm 56:4

“Be exalted, O God.” Psalm 57:5a

“Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.” Psalm 103:1

“I will praise You O Lord, with all my heart.” Psalm 9:1a





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