

# UNUSUAL WORSHIP

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Greetings,

When your current situation is not measuring up and it seems like your problems are weighing you down, what is your reaction? Do you wallow in self-pity and feel sorry for yourself?

Sometimes our problems seem larger than they actually are because we are too busy focusing on how we can solve them ourselves instead of turning to God. To get real answers, we must switch our focus from what we can do to who God is. The most powerful way to accomplish this is through worship. Not just ordinary worship, but **unusual worship**, where any trace of ourselves is lost and our minds are in tune to the frequency that is all about Him.

**Unusual worship** is produced by true worship. Now when I say worship, don't just think "music" or "the music at the beginning of a church service". **True worship is an attitude!** An attitude that pertains to every area of life. It opens up a supernatural-breakthrough atmosphere. It breaks you through to God's realm, where nothing is impossible. It also escorts you into God's presence and there you gain access to **all that He has, all that He is, and all that He can do.**

Many times, we cannot enter into God's presence confidently because most of our time is spent trying to get through the "bushes" of worship. "Bushes" are anything that block our view of God. In the church, these "bushes" come in the form of performance. Sometimes talented singers and musicians change the focus of worship to how good they sound instead of how great God is. In our personal lives, these "bushes" can be our motives for seeking God only for what we need. Worship is not about people. It is not about you or me. It is completely about God.

John 4:23 says, **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.** Why would God feel the need to use the term, "true worshippers?" Undoubtedly, there must be some false worship going on. False worshippers are those people Jesus was referring to in Matthew 15:8, who honor Him with their lips but their hearts are far from Him.

God, your Father, is **seeking** true worshippers. He is looking for people who are going to worship Him, not for what they can get from Him, but because they want to experience more of Him. Seeking is two-sided. God is seeking you to be a true worshipper and **it is your seeking of Him that makes you a true worshipper.** When you seek God from a true heart, your wants and your needs become invisible. It is unnecessary to even be concerned about your wants and needs because the by-product of your seeking is the manifestation of whatever you need.

In Hebrews 11:6, we see that the combination of our faith and diligence in seeking Him causes us to experience God as a rewarder. In Matthew 6:33, we are instructed to **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you.** God should be your **first** priority in worship. Before you ask God for anything or remind Him of your problem, remind God of how great He is. Praise Him for His holiness. Thank Him for the things that He continuously does for you. You are not seeking the reward or the blessing, your sole purpose is to seek Him. This is when you know that you have matured in worship. **Immaturity looks for the blessing, maturity looks to the “Blesser.”** Once the “Blesser” finds out that you are looking for Him, He will start to release the blessings. Many times through worship, your problems or dilemmas will be answered before you even present them!

Unusual worship causes the blessings to flow because of the atmosphere of breakthroughs that it creates. Through worship, God’s invisible hand will produce visible results in your life. It will pull you out of anything that is not a blessing to your life. **Worship crucifies your worries.** It annihilates your fears and shakes the very foundation of your problems. Why? Because worship places you in God’s presence. You cannot go into God’s presence and not get what you need.

Just look at Paul and Silas’ situation. They were wrongfully imprisoned and still chose to worship God. Acts 16:25 says, **And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.** If you read on in that passage, you see what happened next. There was a great earthquake that shook the foundation of the prison in which they were sitting. You know what caused that? Their worship. This was no ordinary task, it was **unusual** for them to worship in their condition.

So, now let’s take a look at your condition. You may not be imprisoned like Paul and Silas but it may feel like you are. Worship has no respect for your condition. When you learn to be a true worshipper, the divine transaction that occurs from you seeking God causes Heaven to open around you and shower His divine blessings and protection on you. As a believer, knowing this, is one of the greatest Spiritual assets that you can possess.

Sincerely,

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