

Soli Deo Gloria
"For the Glory of God Alone"



Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

-Westminster Shorter Catechism



WHY WE WORSHIP



Worship Keeps Us from Getting Derailed



²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.

Romans 1:21-22 NIV



Worship Is a Major Part of Our Priesthood

⁹But 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. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV



⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 ESV



¹⁹Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

2 Chronicles 20:19 NIV

⁵You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5 NIV



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¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Hebrews 3:15 NIV



Why is praising God a sacrifice? The word “sacrifice” (Greek, *thusia*) comes from the root *thuo*, a verb meaning “to kill or slaughter for a purpose.”

Praise often requires that we “kill” our pride, fear or sloth—anything that threatens to diminish or interfere with our worship of the Lord.

—Jack Hayford



Worship Is the Way We Edify Others



¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20

