

SERMON NOTES

Series: The Heart of Worship:

The Presence of God

Text: Psalm 100:4

Topic: Music

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The key to tapping into the presence and power of God is **Praise and Worship**.

That is true **corporately & personally**.

Worship and Praise is the key to entering the presence of God, and **music** is the key to **worship and praise**.

Seven elements that distinguish Praise and Worship music from other types of Christian music.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC EXPRESSES PRAISE TO GOD

- *But You are holy, enthroned in the ^b praises of Israel.* (Psalm 22:3)
- *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.* Psalm 100:4
- *Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!* Psalm 147:1
- *Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.* Psalm 149:1

When you meet the King of Kings God invites you to come in a **certain** way:
"Come rejoicing with music."

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC IS VERTICAL

Horizontal music is directed from the musician toward **another person** for exhorting, evangelizing, encouraging, etc. Vertical music is directed from the musician **upward to God**.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC INVOLVES EVERYONE.

Two models of worship:

1. The musicians are the prompters, the ministers are the players, and the congregation is the audience.
2. The musicians and ministers are the prompters, the congregation are the players and God is the audience.

Worship is not a **spectator sport**.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC CAN BE SACRIFICIAL.

Praise and worship music have nothing to do with how we **feel**.

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC SPRINGS FROM THE HEART.

Praise and worship is based on **what's in the heart**.

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" Matthew 12:34.

Praise and worship music is an **external** expression an **internal** reality.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC IS A DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR SCRIPTURE.

Next to the Bible the Hymnal is the most important book in Christendom.

"If a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation." - Andrew Fletcher

"Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise." Martin Luther

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC DEVELOPS A PRAISE AND WORSHIP LIFESTYLE.

How do we worship on a day-to-day basis? The same way David did...through **music**.