

THE
WHY SHOULD I
SERIES

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“WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Acts 2:41-47

THE **“WHY SHOULD I”** SERIES

CHECKING THE PULSE OF LIFE, MINISTRY AND INFLUENCE
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Acts 2:41-47

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Every Ingredient Needed for a Healthy Church
You and I are the One Things Missing!

WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?

1.) *Worship is a Spiritual Act*

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1a.) *It Requires - New Spirituality*

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1d.) *It Requires - Faith to Offer Up*

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Without Faith

Our worship can Offend God
Worship is a Spiritual Act

1e.) *It Requires – Love from the Heart*

Worship is a Spiritual Act

1f.) *It Requires – Purity of Life*

Psalm 24:3-5

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Part Three Begins Here

WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?

2.) *Worship in Our Private Life*

2a.) *The Beauty of Holiness*

Being God Conscious in Private

***The Reality of Worship in Our Private Lives is Revealed
In Our Private Moments...***

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; **for You are with me...**

Psalm 29:2

*Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Twelve stones

Joshua 4:3

"and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.'"

Joshua 4:9

Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

**See, There is Always More to Worship
Then what is going on here...**

Worship in Our Private Life

2b.) The Loss of Self

Entering Worship
Is like drawing nearer a furnace.

When His Beauty Pulls You Closer,
You Begin to See Him Larger,
Until There Isn't any More Room for You.

Matthew 16:25-26

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Worship in Our Private Life

2c.) The Supreme Delight

Better: - To "Delight" in the Supreme

It's the **Inclusion** of God in Everything

Acts 17:28

"for in Him we live and move and have our being..."

What's Your Pleasure?

Psalm 37:3-5

*Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. ⁴
Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵
Commit your way to the LORD...*

WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?

3.) *Worship – is a Response to Victory*

Note The Pathology of Biblical Worship

Because Worship is a Response to Victory

3a.) *Victory Through - Fascination*

“If you can explain your object of worship then you cannot truly worship it.
For it must hold us captive by its total contradiction from who and what we are.” -
A.W. Tozer

Fascination

Opens our eyes wide to see who and what he is.

With Each Divine Revelation or Encounter
There is an overwhelming fascination

Insert Rick Husband's Article

I will not, cannot be backsliding if I'm in
fascination of Him

VICTORY IN THE SPIRIT WAR
Because I'm so fascinated by Him

Because Worship is a Response to Victory

3b.) Victory Through - Astonishment

Noah Webster's 1828

Astonished:

Overwhelmed, Dumbfounded, Flabbergasted, Amazed, Dazed, Speechless, shocked, stunned, befuddled...

WHAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE WORLD TODAY?

To be Overwhelmed, To be Dumbfounded, To be Flabbergasted, To be Amazed, To be Dazed, To be Speechless, To be shocked, To be stunned, To be befuddled...

What They're Looking For is found in the Worship of God,
But they won't believe us until they see us
If I could just see a miracle, then I would be astonished.

THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN

You Must Come to Him - if you're going to be astonished
You Must Listen to Him - if you're going to be astonished
You Must Follow Him - if you're going to be astonished

"If God is God Let Him Astonish Me"

You Wanna Be Astonished?
Then go to Him

Because Worship is a Response to Victory

3c.) Victory Through - Reverence

Psalm 5:7

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

Our Text

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then **fear** came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear (**be** in awe) the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe (**stand** in awe) of Him.

Because Worship is a Response to Victory

3d.) Victory Through - Adoration

When We Focus on the Fact That He Loves us,
The we cannot be stopped...

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded (adoratio) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 1:21

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

THE "AMAZING UNSTOPPABLE" APOSTLE

Action Figure

Because Worship is a Response to Victory

3e.) Victory Through - Praise

The Act or Call to Praise

Has gotten a Bad Rap from the Legalists of Our Day

EXPLANATION:

BECAUSE THERE IS NO JOY IN THEIR LIVES THEY CANNOT SEE THE VALIDITY OF PRAISE.
THEY ARE MORE INTERESTED IN THE LOFTY HYMNS, THE TRADITIONAL SONGS,

BECAUSE THEY CANNOT FIND A NEW SONG IN THEIR HEARTS...

Praise is Spontaneous in Nature

Psalm 66:3-4

Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power your enemies shall submit themselves to You. ⁴ All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name." – Selah – meditate on that!

Ephesians 5:18-19

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Psalm 100:3-4

***Know** that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ **Enter** into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. **Be thankful** to Him, and bless His name.*

Are You Ready for Heaven?

Then Lets Practice