



# The Who, What, When, Where, Why & How of Biblical Worship

--a six week discovery Bible Study

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## Week Three-- The "When" of Biblical Worship:

### **Intro:**

→ When do you worship God individually?

→ When do you worship God corporately (with other believers)?

**I. Discovery/Interaction Exercises:** In the following scriptures, when did the person or people worship? Underline what occurred in each scripture immediately before and/or after worship, then note it as indicated after each scripture.

### **1. Worship when \_\_\_\_\_**

**Leviticus 9:23-24** 23 Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. 24 Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

*Before/After* \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Matthew 2:10-11**

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

*Before/After* \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Matthew 28: 8-10**

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.  
9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.  
10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Before/After* \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Worship When \_\_\_\_\_

### John 9: 35-39

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

### Exodus 4:29-31

29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, 30 and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, 31 and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

### Acts 9:1-6 and 17-20 Saul's Conversion

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Worship When \_\_\_\_\_

### Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 11:21**

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Worship When \_\_\_\_\_****Luke 7: 36-50**

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Chronicles 21: 16-18**

16 David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.

17 David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."

18 Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 19 So David went up in obedience to the word that Gad had spoken in the name of the LORD.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Worship in Times of \_\_\_\_\_

### Job 1:13-22

13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

18 While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked I will depart. [c]

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised."

22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Worship When \_\_\_\_\_

### Acts 12:1-5

1 It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. 3 When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. 4 After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Worship When \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Chron 20 :15

He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.' "

18 Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice.

20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." 21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the LORD,  
for his love endures forever."

22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **8. Worship in times of \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Psalm 126:1-3 A song of ascents.**

- 1 When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,  
we were like men who dreamed.
- 2 Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

*Before/After:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Psalm 113:1-3**

- 1 Praise the LORD.  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the name of the LORD be praised,  
both now and forevermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

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## II. Worship: Read the following excerpts out loud:

Hybels, Bill Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to be with God pp. 125-127

Piper, John Desiring God p. 93

Brother Lawrence The Practice of the Presence of God 4<sup>th</sup> conversation

**Then have everyone turn their hearts to God by telling him**

**“I love you because \_\_\_\_\_”**

## III. Applications for this week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you times you can worship the Lord all week.
- Ask God for “God Encounters” – times when You clearly note His presence.
- Check out our blog at: <http://worshipconnection.wordpress.com>

## Further Resources

**Bible Scriptures:** Psalms of Ascents: Psalms 120-134 (These are the Psalms of the Hebrew pilgrimage ascending up the mountain to Jerusalem)

**Books:** Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to be with God by Bill Hybels. Downers Grove, Ill. : InterVarsity Press, 1998.

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence, a cook at a monastic community in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. Available in various editions on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and full text, audio and downloadable (for free) at <http://librivox.org/the-practice-of-the-presence-of-god-by-brother-lawrence/>

## **Songs for Worship:**

**Rising** by Paul Baloche and Matt Redman, Integrity’s Hosanna Music, c2006

**Because of Your Love** by Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche, Integrity’s Hosanna Music, c2006.

**The Battle Belongs to the Lord** by Jamie Owens-Collins, Fairhill Music, c1985.

**Hear Us From Heaven** by Jared Anderson, Vertical Music, c2004.