



# BIBLEWAY MINISTRIES

MAKING A DIFFERENCE—THE BIBLE WAY



## A Thought About Worship

**T**his Sunday, thousands of congregations will come together to worship. But what is worship? Worship means to ascribe worth to God delightfully. In a distorted world, we worship our sports teams, our movie stars, our social media influencers and those we hold in special esteem. But only God is truly worthy of our worship.

As its definition describes, worship is something that is done delightfully. The psalmist called on us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 98:4). We are to come into His presence with a grateful heart, giving Him all praise and honor (Psalm 95:2). This may seem simplistic in scope and a no-brainer; but true worship demands a pure intention to honor God with our life, even beyond the four walls of our religious places of worship.

### **Worship May Begin in Church, But Shouldn't End There**

Worship is too powerful to be contained in the church's four walls. It overflows into our work-places. It affects our conversations with our spouse and children. When true worship has taken place and we have been filled with God's presence, even those who come in contact with us at the end of our church service can see its aftereffects. True worship is most credible when it is a part of our lives.

After challenging Roman believers to present their bodies to God as an act of worship, Paul warned, "Do not be conformed to this world (Romans 12:2)." The Greek word for "conform" means to fashion or shape one thing like another.

er. He was encouraging them not to fashion their worship after the world's sensual and emotional patterns. Instead, it was to be transformed through the renewal of their minds, which would allow them to do what was acceptable in the sight of God. This change in focus caused their worship no longer to be about themselves, but about Him.

Once we have presented ourselves to God, we are open for worship. Giving our whole being to Him is the most important aspect of individual worship. We experience the greatness of worship when we gather with other believers who have also given their whole being to God. Like small flames which create a large fire when combined, when believers connect with one another in worship, the power of our worship multiplies.

Sports fans who watched their team win during the weekend often find it hard not to express their excitement when we talk with them at the office on Monday morning. In the same way, when we've experienced true worship on a Sunday, it should not be difficult to make it known on Monday. Does this mean an absence of problems, frustration or the stress of this world? No, our joy and worship are not predicated on these things, but on our relationship with Him. They are about coming before Him in humility and simply saying, "Here I am to worship," as [this song expresses](#).

- Dr. L.W. Edwards

# Revival: The Choice That Brings Transformation

It isn't every week that fire breaks out in a chapel service. The fire extinguishers on the premises of Asbury University's Hughes Auditorium couldn't quench the multi-alarm blaze ignited on February 8, 2023. Pastor Zach Meerkreebs challenged students on the practical implications of love in action in the [third message](#) of a chapel series based on Romans 12. The fire started as he [concluded in prayer](#), "Holy Spirit, if you spoke to anyone . . . would you produce fruit in this room, in these souls, in these minds and these hearts? Do a new thing in our midst. Revive us by your love."

For more than two weeks, the flames of worship burned on the campus. [More than 100,000 people](#) from all corners of the globe descended upon Wilmore, Kentucky to taste and see what God was doing there. But God's work is not limited to the four walls of Hughes Auditorium. What happened there can happen anywhere humble, obedient hearts are found.

Lexie Presta, a senior at Asbury University and executive editor of the campus newspaper, [shared with WORLD News](#), "There's nothing special about Hughes Auditorium, it's just a building. There's nothing special about Asbury, we're just a university. And there's nothing special about us students. [We're just people.] But the Holy Spirit is just using this time and us in this space. However, he is not limited to this space and time."

She's right. Every time we set foot in church and hear God's Word proclaimed, every time we read our Bibles, we get to choose whether revival will occur within our hearts. The choice is ours whether the seed of truth falls on good soil or on hard, stony ground. It's up to us to humble ourselves and allow the truth to change us. When we do, there is no limit to the personal harvest we can experience. The Word of God can change everything from our relationships to our attitudes, our work ethic and our response to temptation and hardship. It can change our entire world — because it can change us.

I [join others in praying](#) what we have witnessed at Asbury University is repeated in college campuses and churches around the country. Just remember, God's work is not limited to these places. The seed of His Word will take root wherever heart soil is prepared to receive it. Your personal revival experience could be one decision away from realization. Once you catch fire, others will line up for miles to watch you burn.

- Cam Edwards

