



Way of Life The Heart of Worship

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3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

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Psalms 40: 1- 3

- In Psalms 40 we are seeing worship from the perspective of the worshipper.
- David is speaking in the first person. From his own experience and showing us how to worship.
- To fully appreciate this scripture, we have to step in skin and the mind of this man David.
- The prophet Samuel in 1 Samuel 13:14 said that God sought a man after His own heart and selected David.
- So there is a lot to learn **about** David and **from** David.

David says in Psalms 40:1

- Verse 1: I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- We could easily blow by that verse miss a true blessing. Let's take a closer look.

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David's Patience Psalms 40:1

- Verse 1: I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- We know the story of David and Goliath and how dared to Goliath, who was not just some ordinary bully – he was a blasphemer. Goliath dared question supremacy and the legitimacy of Jehovah and David this young, unpolished, untrained shepherd was the only one willing to step up and defend the honor of Jehovah.
- So we know this is a man with a deep love for the true and living God.
- What do we know about his patience?
- David is the man that God chose to be King.
- David served Saul and his dearest friend was Saul's son – Jonathan.
- In spite of his service Saul still sought to kill David and David waited for God's promise for 8 years.
- 4 years he was on the run from Saul – his life in perpetual danger.
- 4 years he was in Ziklag with his men before Saul fell.
- Along the way his wives were captured, he suffered temporary defeats and lived in constant peril.
- So when David talked about waiting patiently – he knew about waiting

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David's Patience Psalms 40: 2- 3

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- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.
- The horrible pit that David is speaking about is not just the situation that Saul put him in.
- Part of David's horrible pit is the hole that he dug for himself by his own sin.
- It's no secret that David sat up on his roof as King and saw another man's wife and desired her.
- But he also put her husband in a situation where he was likely to lose his life – and he did lose his life. And David married his wife.
- The difference between David and us is that David didn't treasure his sin. He confessed His sin to God and acknowledged that his sin was an offense to God.
- So when David speaks about placing his feet upon solid rock, and God putting a new song in his mouth – it is something he's lived.

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<http://www.bible.ca/archeology/bible-archeology-maps-timeline-chronology-1samuel-21-31-saul-david-on-the-run-1012-1004bc.htm>

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Here is what we can learn about worship from David:

1. If we are honest about where we are in our life right now, we would say if it were not for faithfulness and Grace of God we would be destroyed by our sin.
 1. Our sin is real.
 2. The fact that we have offended God is real.
 3. We can cover it up and hide it from others, but we truly have something to be forgiven.
2. God is faithful. If we wait patiently he will do what he says he will do.
3. Because of God's goodness, and His grace we should spend every moment and every opportunity worshipping him – surrendering to goodness.
4. When we refuse to surrender our bodies and minds in worship, we are robbing God of what is His and creating a barrier to our heart connection with Christ.

Romans 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.

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Let's look at Worship from God's Perspective.

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3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

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John 12: 1 – 3

1. Verse 1 we are reminded of what God did for Lazarus. He gave him new life after he had been physically dead.
 1. Through the gift of salvation God has also given us new life.
2. Verse 2 is seated at the table.
 1. We who had been dead in our transgressions and were enemies of God now have the right and privilege to sit at God's table as son's and daughters.
3. In Verse 3 we see Mary worshipping extravagantly. She poured out everything of herself because she knew who God was and what he had done in her life. So he was worthy of her worship
4. In Verse 4 and 5 we see Judas the betrayer counting the cost of worship. Mad at the fact that Mary was willing to put everything into her savior.
5. But Jesus shows us God's heart in Verse 7. He sees and appreciates the effort we put into worship and it reminds him why he went to the Cross.

Verse 7: Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

Heart of Worship - Close

1. The heart of worship is a contrite heart.
 1. Like David we have the opportunity to be honest about our lives and sing and speak of God's goodness every day.
2. God's heart in worship is a fulfilled and a satisfied heart that the ones that he gave all for appreciate and value what he has given them.
3. So when we worship it doesn't matter how well I or any other worship leader sings – its about whether God is worthy of your adoration.
4. It doesn't matter how well the band plays. What matters is whether you are willing to surrender to God in worship.
5. Worship requires that you do something.
 1. David wrote Psalms, he sang and danced in the presence of God.
 2. Mary bowed and washed the feet of the savior with her own hair.
 3. Sitting in Church and looking cute or checking your phone is not worship.
6. Worship is not option. Paul teaches us in Romans 12:1 that it is reasonable and expected that you worship.
7. If you have not been worshipping in this way you have an opportunity right now to repent and get right with God.