



Why Worship at Home?

Worshipping God at home has always been important but is more important today than ever before.

- Do you find yourself in midst of turmoil? Worship the God of peace and you'll find peace.
- Do you need wisdom? Worship the God of wisdom and you'll find wisdom.
- Are you faced with the impossible task of unconditionally loving the unlovable? Then worship the God who IS Love and His love will become yours.

Worship is a powerful way to show your admiration towards God and it takes you closer to His Heart. When you worship with all your heart, it is inevitable that you will experience His presence.

Worship should be a daily lifestyle of honoring God the Father, Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ through heartfelt singing, and statements of honor and affirmation, in complete surrender to the Lord. Psalm 100:1-5 tells you to *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the Earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Please know that you can sing a song without entering into worship which means that worship is more than singing words out loud. Pure worship is heart rendering singing and making statements of adoration toward God Almighty. Heb 13:15 tells us that "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name." Something happens in the atmosphere around you when you sing to the Lord with all your heart. You can see transformation, healing and breakthrough is ways you might not otherwise see.

A mystery of worship is that it isn't about us, it is about God; because God doesn't need your worship; you need it! God isn't an insecure cosmic being waiting for His worshippers to remind Him how awesome He is before He decides to intervene. He is all-knowing and all-powerful without your worship. The key is that you need to worship to be intentional about

turning your attention to the Lord to acknowledge His ways. You will find that you need personal and corporate worship to build your faith and to grow in spiritual maturity.

Personalized Worship. Worship at home can be more personal than worship in a church setting because it is easier to completely surrender to God when at home. Personal worship at home provides an opportunity to be vulnerable to the God who loves you unconditionally. He is the God who never changes but He wants to see you transformed as you worship. In Rom 12:1, Paul writes *“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.”*

Transforming Focus. Personal Worship at home (whether alone or with family members) is about intention and attention. It is a time to turn your attention away from the busyness of this world and be intentional about focusing on the character of God, your relationship with Him and on the person of Jesus Christ. The more you focus on worshipping God, the less consumed you will be by the chaos of the world around you.

Songs of pure worship will guide you to focus the full attention of your soul (your mind, will and emotions) on the nature of God and His goodness. It causes you to turn to the Lord so that the veil of deception is taken away which allows you to receive the freedom that God has for you as you are transformed into His image. Consider 2Cor 3: 16-17.

“But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit”

This passage speaks of being intentional about where you focus your attention by turning to the Lord. Focusing your attention with intention, removes the veil from your soul to cripple the power of opinions and distractions from other people. Through personal worship, you can become unveiled, standing before God face to face.

In this place where you *“contemplate the Lord’s glory”* with your attention fully focused on Him, you can be transformed into His image. The Greek word for *“transformed”* is the same word used to describe the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew 17. The root word is derived from the English term *“metamorphosis”* which is depicted by the process in which a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly. Think about that for a moment because the picture is incredible! When you intentionally turn your intention towards Christ in songs and statements of pure worship — God will begin to transform you to be like Jesus just as a caterpillar transforms into something different — a beautiful butterfly reflecting the image of God to those we encounter day after day.

How to Worship at Home

1. Personal worship can take place anywhere, anytime. You can take it with you everywhere you go. Consider it a weapon of warfare. If you have no words left in a situation, a shout of “Hallelujah” will attract God to meet you right where you are.
2. Be still and acknowledge that He is God (Ps 46:10).
3. Be intentional to surrender yourself to God...ask Him to transform your mind, will and emotions as you worship Him. Consider starting with the song “Holiness” by Scott Underwood. It is a song of submission to let the Lord transform you mind, heart and life. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHeEytocJVY>
4. Find songs that purely worship God without asking for anything for yourself
Consider the following Worship Playlist
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3jvHKh-RVHJLX7gWVBbnlf6ybqjxLhes>
5. Be intentional to focus on Worshipping God. Let go of worries, opinions, questions, concerns and circumstances.
6. Pray scriptures out loud that define the character of God
<https://www.navigators.org/resource/praying-names-attributes-god/>
7. Make an effort to worship God in good times and in bad times.
8. Celebrate God for what He has done in your life.
9. Sing and dance like David. Crank up the music and sing the words from the bottom of your heart!