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Matthew 11:28-30 *the message*

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. ²⁹ Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. ³⁰ Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”



Recognition and Response



2 Chronicles 5:2 *niv*

Then Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David.



2 Chronicles 5:7 *niv*

The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim.



2 Chronicles 5:11-12 *niv*

The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions. ¹² All the Levites who were musicians... stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.



2 Chronicles 5:13-14 *niv*

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.” Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, ¹⁴ and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.



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Isaiah 6:1-4 *niv*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.



Isaiah 6:5-8 *niv*

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, **“Here am I. Send me!”**



John 1:35-36; 40-42 *niv*

The next day John the Baptist was there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah.” ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).



Luke 5:1-4 *niv*

One day as Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."



Luke 5:5-8 *niv*

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, **“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”**



Luke 5:9-11 *niv*

For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ **So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.**



Worship our work
Work at our play
Play at our worship



“When I was little, we used to play church...”

Anne Ortlund on worship



“No, Scripture doesn’t read like that. The people were filled with awe and wonder and trembling and hope and fear, because there in the middle of nowhere, before this bunch of ex-slaves, was God.”

John Ortberg on worship



“I did not see that it is in the process of being worshiped that God communicates His presence to men...”

C.S. Lewis on worship



John 4:23 *niv*

“A time is coming and has now come, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”



Mark 12:30 *niv*

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”



“Worship is the believer’s response of all that he is - mind, emotions, will, and body – to all God is and says and does.”

Warren Wiersbe on worship



“Worship is giving God the best He has given you.”

J. Oswald Sanders on worship



Hindrances to Worship

An Unsurrendered Heart

Matthew 16:24-25 *niv*

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”



Hindrances to Worship

Unconfessed Sin

I John 1:9 *niv*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



Hindrances to Worship

Wrong Attitude

Philippians 2:5 *niv*

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...



Hindrances to Worship

Wrong Attitude

Philippians 4:8 *niv*

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.



Hindrances to Worship

Enemy Opposition

James 4:7 *niv*

Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



Hindrances to Worship

Fatigue

Psalm 23:2-3a *niv*

He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me
beside quiet waters, ³ He refreshes my soul.



Hindrances to Worship

Unbelief

Mark 9:24 *niv*

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"



Revelation 7:9-10 *niv*

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”



Revelation 7:11-12 *niv*

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

and power and strength

be to our God forever and ever.

Amen!”

