



House of Peace Outlines

Worshippers In Spirit and In Truth

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Eagles Christian Family Center

YOU WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP

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Illustration: One day a mother and her son went to the beach. Both of them were looking for stones they could add to their rock collection. Suddenly the boy finds a stone in the sand that is red and orange, and he tells his mom, “Look mom, this is a nice rock. You know why I think it’s so nice?” His mom answers, “Why?” “Because the colors of this rock remind me of the sun when it rises over the ocean in the morning, and the sun makes me think about God’s smile”. His mother replied, “Wow! That is very true son. God is always smiling over you, because He loves you. Do you know what the sun makes me think about?” Her son replies, “What?”. “It makes me think about God’s mercy. His mercies are new every day, which means that God is always in a good mood, and I think that’s why He’s always smiling”. Her son laughed and said, “And that’s why I am too”. It is so fascinating to see how a mother and her son have the capacity to witness nature praise God and reveal His goodness and love for us. The Bible says, “He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!” (Luke 19:40 NLT). If you and I don’t worship God, then the rocks will.

Introduction: Worship doesn’t only mean to sing songs that are solemn at church. The Bible says that we must present our bodies as a living sacrifice, which means that are our life is worship toward God. We can worship God in many ways, with our offerings, with our words, with our service, with our songs and with everything we do. Today we will learn that we are all born to worship God.

1. WHO SHOULD WORSHIP? (*Psalm 66:4 NLT*).

- A. The Bible says, “All the nations you made will come and **bow** before you, Lord; they will praise your holy name” (*Psalm 86:9 NLT*). All human beings are called to worship God. Notice that worship means to “bow. When we worship something happens to our bodies. When you worship with sincerity your body’s posture changes to show you’re surrendering to the Lord.
- B. Since the moment God breathed life into the human being, there has always been a need in us to worship Him. A worshipper isn’t only identified as a singer or musician in the worship team, a worshipper is every human’s identity. If we don’t worship God, we will end up worshipping something else, because by nature we are worshippers.
- C. So, who should worship? Everyone! You and I were made to worship God. In fact, He made us worshippers (lovers) because He loves us and because we are His heartbeat. His deepest desire is to have a true, constant and permanent intimacy with us.

2. THE OBSTACLES THAT STOP US FROM WORSHIPPING *(John 4:23 NLT)*.

- A. Materialism: My God what a problem! Materialism will not allow us to worship God in spirit and in truth. John 4:23 says that true worshippers exist, which also indicates that there are false worshippers. When false worshippers come to church because they're use to it, many times during worship they are worshipping working over-time and making more money, instead of God. I am not saying we shouldn't work. I work hard. Whoever doesn't work will not eat; but we cannot worship materialism.
- B. Excessive worry: This becomes stress in your life which doesn't let you have the freedom to worship. You're too stressed, and while the church is singing, "I need an encounter..." you're singing, "I left some food cooking on the stove". You're too worried.
- C. A lack of forgiveness: We cannot sing with understanding in vain, nor can we sing in the spirit in vain. You have a root of unforgiveness and bitterness inside that is consuming you. There is someone you can't stand right now and you can't wait to see them again so you can tell them what they deserve to hear.
- D. Idolatry: As I mentioned at the beginning, we are natural born worshippers, therefore we will always have a natural impulse to worship something or someone. If we neglect our relationship with God and allow His place in our hearts to be replaced by something or someone else, then we will fall into idolatry.

3. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIRMENT TO WORSHIP? *Romans 12:1 NLT)*.

- A. It's summed up in one word, surrender. He who surrenders is able to let go of all worry and place them in God's hands knowing that He will take care of them. Many times, people do not worship God because they are burdened, but you and I need to worship God no matter how we feel, whether we're burdened or not. We cannot worship our problems, because God is bigger.
- B. Surrender is not only shown when we lift our hands or bow before the Lord. Surrender also means to set our attention on God. We are in God's house, but we are not aware that God is in the house. Maybe, you and I say that we are aware, but we don't worship as if He is in the sanctuary. It's one thing to say it and another thing to understand it.
- C. We cannot put our attention on the daily and temporary problems of the world. It's best to intentionally set our sight and attention on God. When we are aware of God in our personal lives and wherever we go, then He will manifest His supernatural power. We are carriers of God's glory, but we will only be able to explode and manifest His glory if we are aware of Him.

Conclusion: *If you still haven't accepted the Lord Jesus in your heart, today is a good opportunity to come close to Him and recover your relationship with Him. Come on, pray the following prayer:*

Practical Application:

- Take a moment in your HOP to worship God with everyone.

Interactive Questions:

- Is there something in your life that you have put more attention on than God?
- Why do you think it's so important to surrender to God?

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and I ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life so you can be my Lord and personal Savior, amen.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR YOU

“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way” (John 4:23 NLT).

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Illustration: *“During the week we rested as an entire church, I intentionally took the time to worship God in my room. While I was there, I began to imagine God’s throne and in that moment I told Him, “God I have missed you. I have missed our times of intimacy. I am going to worship you just like people would worship their kings in the ancient times. I am going to kneel, bow my head, and lift my hands. I am going to bow down repetitively in reverence toward you”. And that is exactly what I did, suddenly I accessed God the Father’s throne and started to worship with more intensity. Then I felt Jesus come into my room, he came close to my left side, he put the palm of his hand on my back, and my heart began to race inside my chest. I was so excited that He was in my room that I couldn’t open my eyes because there was a holy fear in me. All I could do was cry and break down. I told Him in my heart, “Thanks for visiting me. You are my life, and I love my life with you. Thank you for being here”. I know that God is always with us, but there is power when we intentionally become aware of Him, because it’s when we set our attention on Him that He is manifested” (Testimony of Melissa Granados).*

Introduction: Many of the times we spend our time seeking God because we are going through a problem and we finally remember we need Him. Yet, the Bible says that God is the One who is “seeking” worshippers. Today we will receive the revelation that God finds us when we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

1. DO YOU KNOW WHY THERE IS A VOID IN THE HUMAN BEING? (*Genesis 2:7 NLT*).

- A. There is a void in the human being because they are not worshipping the One who deserves to be worshipped, God. The Bible says that God breathed life into man, which represented His characteristics. The characteristics that He breathed into us are spiritual and that is why we are spiritual beings, we are living beings who need to have a relationship with God.
- B. Our nature is to worship, if we do not worship God we will end up worshipping something else that is not God. Due to the way that we were created, and because of the life God breathed into our nostrils, we will always need to worship something. If we fail to have a relationship with the Father, then there will be a void in us.
- C. Did you know that in India and other places close by they worship cows and other kinds of animals? Some of us in this time worship money, our spouse, or a sport, and the worst thing of all is that if we don’t worship God we will still have a void in our hearts. Why? Because there is a place in our hearts that only belongs to God, thus only He can fill it up.

- D. There are a lot of famous people that are empty inside, because they chose to worship music and their own success, so they end up committing suicide. They had everything, but there was still a void in their hearts. Maybe you say, "I don't lack anything, why do I feel sad? Why do I not like what I see in the mirror?". This happens to us when God is not first in our life. If you don't know how to worship God, you'll always be empty.

2. WHY SHOULD WE WORSHIP GOD? (*Psalm 148:5 NLT*).

- A. So, why should we worship God? Because everything that has life must praise and worship God. If all the animals worship God naturally, why don't you and I know how to worship God? It is because the devil has broken many decrees that were established by God and he has brought corruption.
- B. Do you know what it is to worship God? It is to obey His commandments. We were all created under His principles and precepts and that is why He established commandments, mandates and decrees. When God created the heavens He established them in a certain place and He brought order to the earth. For example, have you noticed that the ocean stays in its place. It doesn't come out of its place because God established it there and it is under a mandate.
- C. There are many things that have been destined for the human being, but they have been lost because of the world's culture. God wants you to return to the beginning of creation so that you can again fulfill your purpose and all that which you were created for.
- D. Worship means to respond to everything God is with everything we are. If we really do this, then we should worship even when we are in the bathroom. When we do this we no longer have to seek Him, because He finds us. In this exact moment God is looking for people who are worshipping Him. Why is it that you seek Him and seek Him and don't find Him? It's because you come to church and you're looking for the person you like or you're on your cellphone, so you can't find Him. It's not about seeking, but about being found by Him as we worship in truth.

3. WORSHIP MAKES GOD FIND YOU (*John 4:23 NLT*).

- A. We were created to praise and worship God. In worship, He finds you. We must understand that what the Lord is seeking is true worshippers. Just as joy exists, so does sadness, and just as good exists so does evil. Ask yourself, "Do I want to be a true worshipper or a false worshipper?". Not everything you do in church is worshipping God. Preaching from a pulpit doesn't necessarily mean we are true worshippers.
- B. Then, what makes the difference between a true and false worshipper? I don't know. All I know is that we don't only worship God in the church, worship is a continuous lifestyle. I think we have to worship God at all times. When Jesus told the Samaritan woman, "*But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth*" (*John 4:23 NLT*). Let me tell you something, this verse is saying that the Father is seeking, it doesn't say that the Father sought or will seek. In this very moment the Heavenly Father wants to find you.
- C. When the Bible says that God is seeking true worshippers, it is talking about a repetitive and continuous present. It's not saying that He only seeks them in church, but that He is constantly seeking worshippers. You're not a worshipper only when you come to the altar to lift your hands. You're a worshipper at all times, because the Spirit of God gave you that identity since the beginning of creation.

Conclusion: *God is seeking you and with all His heart He longs to encounter you more than you do. We invite you to pray the following prayer if you still have not accepted Jesus in your heart.*

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and I ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life so you can be my Lord and personal Savior, amen.

Interactive Questions:

How can you let yourself be found by God this week?
Why is it important to know how to worship God?

Personal Application:

- *Take a time to sincerely worship God.*
- *Take time to fellowship and strengthen your relationships as a HOP.*

GOD IS HERE!

“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven” (Genesis 28:16-17 NIV).

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Illustration: *There was a mother who would cry day and night because her son had left home a couple months ago. She would cry to the Lord and desperately say, “Lord I beg you to take care of my son, that you keep him away from harm and that you send your angels to camp around him and protect him with their wings. I beg you God to fulfill your promise and calling over his life. Listen to me and do not forget the plans you have with my son. I trust you”. While she poured out her tears, her son was at a house party with his friends. More than 15 people lived in that house, and they all did drugs and threw parties where they would invite all the young people around the city. During one of their house parties this mother’s son lost complete control over his body because he was experiencing an overdose. He began to experience sensations and strange visions, he even heard a voice that told him to take his life. Nevertheless, while all this happened this young man began to see angels that came close to him to lift him up from the ground where he had fallen. The next day, this young man was in a hospital bed. He had been unconscious for two days, because of the overdose, and he almost lost his life. Suddenly, he wakes up and he sees his mom praying over him while her hand was over his head. Crying he tells his mom, “Thank you for your prayers mom, God has heard you and he sent His angels to save my life”. Crying his mother replies, “Son, God has a purpose with your life, that is why you are alive today, I love you”. God is truly present everywhere and anywhere at the same time, and He won’t let you go until He has fulfilled his promises with you.*

Introduction: *I know that we have been talking about worship and about resting in God, but I have asked myself why some of us feel far from Him. Some sing and praise at church and they feel close to God, while others do the same thing and feel far from Him. Today we will learn about the benefits we receive when we realize that God is present.*

1. YOU REST WHEN YOU ARE AWARE OF GOD (Genesis 28:16-17 NIV).

- A. When we come to church we need to realize that God is in the church. Many come to God’s house, but they don’t perceive Him. He wants to do great things in our lives, but we are not in the right place at the right time.
- B. God is present, however, we don’t realize it and that is why we lose His blessings. Surely, He is here right now I believe it and I know it, but even I don’t realize it sometimes. We cannot allow being busy or problems to steal our attention from God. We must pursue to set our sight on the Heavenly Father despite everything we go through in life.
- C. If you continue to have a troubled mind, you will not perceive God. God wants to do miracles, but you don’t realize it, therefore you can’t receive them. There is fullness in the Lord’s presence, miracles are supernaturally released in His presence. So, why can’t we receive that fullness at all times? Why are we troubled and angry? It is because we need to acknowledge God at all times, not just at church.

2. GOD'S HOUSE IS THE CHURCH (*Genesis 28:16-17 NLT*).

- A. God is in all places, but we come to church because Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!". When the church of God is united, He sends eternal life and blessings. You cannot come out of the church without His blessing, because the church is God's house and there is eternal life and comfort there.
- B. When we are going through times in our life that feel like we are being stoned, we come to church because we know that that is where God brings comfort to us. We do not overlook the pain, but we know that the bigger the problem is, the less people are able to help us, so we will have to surrender because only God can help us and fill us. I believe it is time to break with all religion because it disturbs God's presence, we need to break with trying to put a burden on people that not even we can carry. It's better to say, "God, I come with all my mistakes and defects, take me as I am".
- C. Let's not come into God's house as if we were coming into our friend's house. If we have that mentality, then we will only receive our "friend's" resources and we will miss out on God's blessings. When you come to the Lord's house, greet God before greeting your brother or friend. True, God is with you at all times, and you should perceive Him and acknowledge Him at all times, but when you come to church the first thing you should do is acknowledge God... it's His house!

3. THE GATEWAY OF HEAVEN IS OPENED WHEN WE ARE AWARE OF GOD (*Genesis 28:17 NLT*).

- A. Doors give you access to a certain place. In this case heavens' Gateway is not just any door. If you open a bar's door you will be opening the doors to alcohol, but if you open the door of heaven, you'll find blessings. Together with the rest of the congregations who preach the Word correctly, Eagles is God's house for Las Vegas.
- B. We cannot come to the church just to enter the building. We need to come in knowing that we are entering the gateway of heaven. God will give you promises through His Word, and where you thought there was no solution, He will revive you and tell you, "Yes, there is!". What's in heaven? Everything that Christ bought on the cross of Calvary, your miraculous healing, everything you need and more than you can imagine.
- C. When we worship together, God tells His angels, "I release you so that you go and bring an answer to my son and daughter that have been believing me". This is what is happening when we see the angels go up and down, the miracle, the new intestine, or the scholarship you've been expecting is released. Your son that left comes back home!
- D. Power is released when we declare something in the presence of God. The Lord's presence is the same glory cloud that many of us are longing for to come over the church, and it's the same anointing and encounter we want to mark history. The true presence is already locked inside of us, it is the very life we carry inside. The only way we will unlock it is through being aware of it. Come on, realize that God is with you!

Conclusion: *The Heavenly Father is in love with you. He longs for you, He wants you to acknowledge Him, because it's only with you that He can have a love relationship. We invite you to give Jesus a chance to enter your life.*

Practical Application:

- Make plans to fellowship as a HOP this week.

Interactive Questions:

- Are you aware of God in all areas of your life?
- Why is it important to be aware of God?
- What are the benefits you receive when you are aware of the Lord?

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and I ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life so you can be my Lord and personal Savior, amen.

CALM DOWN, REST

“Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11 NIV).

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Illustration: “One day while young Isaac Newton was resting and contemplating our mysterious universe, he was under an apple tree when boink! an apple fell on his head. “Aha!” He shouted. It was in that moment that he discovered that the same force that caused the apple to fall on the ground was the same force that kept the moon and sun from falling on planet earth. He called this gravity” ([CultureLab: Newton's apple: The real story - New Scientist](#)). This story shows that while Isaac Newton was resting, the theory of gravity was revealed to him, which is highly useful to many scientists nowadays. When you learn to rest, that is when the greatest inventions, ideas, revelations, and strength to keep you going forward is received.

Introduction: For many it is hard to rest because they work a lot, have problems and are overwhelmed, but he who doesn't rest sooner or later will burn out. He who doesn't have a refuge, will give up. Today we will talk about the benefits we receive when we rest on the cornerstone, Jesus.

1. JESUS IS THE RESTING STONE (*Genesis 28:10 NLT*).

A. Jacob was going through problems at home, which caused him to have to leave. His brother Esau wanted to kill him because he sold his birthright for a plate of lentils. Apparently, Jacob had nothing when he left home, but he had the blessing of God, which was more than enough to survive.

B. Jacob had to find a safe place to rest, because he had traveled a lot. The Bible says that he found a good place to camp and that he rested his head over a stone. I imagine that he had to make sure there were no vipers or animals that could harm him, also I suppose he had to find a good stone to lay his head on. What am I trying to tell you? That you too, need to find a good place and stone to rest.

C. The appropriate place to rest is God's house, the church. Not all places are good to rest. This is why we need to learn to camp in places where there are no serpents that will tempt us or lead us to the bars. Now, if you are going through a problem in your marriage, you cannot give yourself the luxury to rest. When something like this is happening, it's time to work to restore your marriage in order to rest.

D. The good stone that will give us rest is Jesus. The Word says, “Jesus is the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11 NIV). Many times we want to rest our head over the stone of money, but the security that money offers is temporary. The refuge for our heads will always be Jesus, He will always have what we need.

2. DREAM AGAIN (*Genesis 28:16 NLT*).

A. The Bible says that while Jacob was resting he was able to dream again. It says, “he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway” (Genesis 28:12 NLT). What

does it mean to see angels that ascend and descend? This means that the angels ascend with your request to God's throne, and they ascend with a miracle from God.

B. So, what is this verse revealing to us? It shows that when we rest in Jesus we are able to dream again. Perhaps, you have been tired of working and working, because you don't see the results you're expecting. Maybe your bow and arrow have been tense, and the band on your bow is loose because you've had it tense for too long. You feel like you have no strength to aim and shoot your arrow toward your dream, because your band is loose. It's time to rest, and calm down!

C. God is always with us, whether we feel it or not. But it's even better when we are also aware of His presence. When you are close to God and you have found the stone, it doesn't matter if you're going through a desert or if you're going through a big problem, you know that that desert is not forever. Jacob saw that the angels ascended and descended, and that's why that place became springs of water, the gateway of heaven, the house of God.

D. Dream again. Why do you give up when you are in the desert? Jacob was being threatened by his brother, but he knew he had God's blessing. All we need sometimes is a touch from the Holy Spirit that reminds us that God is not finished with us yet. During times of testing we need to tell our soul, "Why are you troubled oh my soul? Wait on the Lord and dream again".

3. BLESS THE STONE THAT BLESSES YOU (*Genesis 28:18-19 NLT*).

A. God is good and always faithful. He is our resting stone and He deserves our worship. How do we bless the Lord? We bless Him when we worship Him. It is vital to have a prayer life, a genuine relationship with Him that will help us grow so we can be a blessing unto others.

B. The Bible says that the next morning Jacob, "took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it" (*Genesis 28:18 NLT*). Here we see that Jacob was grateful because of the promises God had made him while he was resting, so he blessed the stone that blessed him. In other words, he blessed God with olive oil, which was the most valuable thing he had with him in that moment, and he offered it to the Him.

C. Lastly, God is telling you, "What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you" (*Genesis 28:15 NLT*). It doesn't matter what you are going through, it's not forever, God is with you. He will not let you go until He has finished giving you everything He has promised you.

Conclusion: *What is your desert during this season of your life? You're not alone. Invite Jesus into your heart because He wants to walk with you in this desert and show you that He is able to spring wells of water in it. He loves you.*

Interactive Questions:

- Why is it important to rest?
- What are the benefits we receive when we rest?

Practical Application:

- Encourage one another to take a day of the week to rest and be refreshed in order to avoid burning out.

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and I ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life so you can be my Lord and personal Savior, amen.