

Why We Worship

God's Favorite House by Tommy Tenney

Neh 3 – Diversity and Unity

building their section of wall to Protect the Place of Worship
ready to respond to call to battle (weapon on hand)

Lev 23 – 7 Annual Feasts (Worship)

required to gather at Temple in Jerusalem 3 times per year
Israel, though diverse tribes, Gathered for Worship and Warfare
same now, except Worship *is* Warfare

Primary Reason: He is Worthy

natural response (Rev gives glimpse of Heaven's worship)

we must remind ourselves (1 Cor 13:12)

(Rev 4:8-11) ⁸The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" ⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

(Rev 5:8-14) ⁸Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" ¹⁴Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

(Rev 7:9-12) ⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Worship is an Eternal Activity

Reason: Worship is a Priority to God

(Jn 4:23-24) ²³“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

He revealed Himself plainly to her

(Ac 15:16-17) ¹⁶“After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.” (Amos 9:11-12)

Why not Tabernacle of Moses, Solomon’s Temple, the Rebuilt Temple

2 Unique Aspects of the Tabernacle of David

1) Singers and Musicians...Worship (1 Chr 15)

4000 (1 Chr 23:5) 24/7

Rebuilt Temple (Neh 12) – Antiphonal Worship

“according to the command of David” (Neh 12:24)

Did David see what Isaiah saw? (Is 6:1-3)

Why Antiphonal? God “in the midst” (Ps 22:3)

Bangor Valley, Ireland (550) – Valley of Angels

Reason: Worship brings the Presence and Activity of God

Jehoshaphat, Jehoram and Elisha

(2Ki 3:15) ¹⁵“But now bring me a musician.” Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

2) No Veil – visible Glory (worshippers are the veil – heaven)

Solomon’s Temple

(2Ch 5:12-14) ¹²and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets— ¹³indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: “For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Reason: Worship brings His Glory

He wants the nations to see it (Jn 17:22-23)

(Ac 13:2) ²As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Reason: Worship leads to (precedes) Mission