

Devotion  
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### **The Biblical commandment to worship and praise the Lord.**

To praise and worship the one and only true God, is a high and inspiring calling. It is a privilege, and everyone saved by the grace of God through Jesus **wants to do nothing else than bring the fruit of our lips, our songs and our prayers** as sacrifices to the holy God who deserves our love, our devotion and our passion!

**God commanded it.** God desires people who will praise and worship him. Praise and worship make us obedient followers of Christ.

God is worthy of our worship. He deserves our praise and thanksgiving. Revelation 4:11 says, *"Worthy are you, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things"* and Revelation 5:11-12, *"And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.'"*

As we praise and worship God, our focus is not on ourselves, but on the Lord. As we are aware of his presence, we become conscious of his glory and greatness, his majesty and his power. Praise and worship bring us into the very presence of a holy God where we hear his message and receive the work we are to do for him.

Worship and praise change us. It changes our attitudes and our mind. It takes away our cynical thoughts and gives us hope. It makes us people of faith. It makes us people who through faith celebrate the grace, the power and the love of God.

Let's continue to make it our priority, every Sunday!