

# Sermon Notes *by Pastor Jamie Tonge*



## Active Participation in Worship.

**Ps 34:1** ...I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**John 4:23:** ...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

There are as many forms of praise and worship as there are human actions. We were created to worship God. Every human being will worship some one or some thing. Some one once said “when we stop worshiping God we will start to worship anything.

## Expressions of Worship.

- Corporate singing.
- Thanks and adoration in word, song, physical expression, emotional outpouring
- Writing – poetry, letters
- Dancing – choreographed, free expression
- Music – of all types
- Gifts – of all types
- Work – using skills and abilities
- Acts of kindness
- Thoughts – our thoughts are heard in heaven they are as if we have spoken out loud

## Biblical Examples of Worship.

- Mary – anointing Jesus at Bethany in **John 12**
- Woman healed by touching Jesus coat – she fell at his feet **Luke 8:47**
- Man set free from demons – returned home and told how much Jesus had done for him **Luke 8:39**
- Woman healed by touching Jesus coat
- Woman who found forgiveness – emotional, crying and anointing with oil **Luke 7:36**
- Triumphant entry – shouting scripture, spreading cloths & branches on the ground **Luke 19:32**

## Old Testament Worship.

We could look for hours at the OT structure of tabernacle and temple worship some of which could be relevant to us but we do not have time to day.

But I would like to take a moment to look at David, what set him apart from all other Kings of Israel was his life long love of worship early in his life he realised how important worship is in our relationship with God **Psalm 34** shows us this.

David had a constant hunger for the presence of God seen at such times as his abandonment to worship when they brought back the ark of the covenant **2 Samuel 6** which he placed in a tent in Jerusalem **1 Chronicles 15**

The consecration of the priesthood **1 Chronicles 15**

The appointment of priests to minister before the Lord to make petition, give thanks and praises God with music and singing daily morning and evening **1 Chronicles 16, 1 Chronicles 23 – 25.**

No other King of Israel had a commitment to worship like David – one with a heart after God.

## Praise and Worship is the Gateway into the Presence of God.

**Psalm 100:4** *Enter His gates with thanks giving  
Enter His courts with praise*

## The Heart of Thanks – my Attitude.

What attitude do I have, do I live a life of thankfulness?

Am I a David or a Michel? **2 Samuel 6:16**

Our own heart attitude towards others will affect our worship

- Michel was not involved in the celebrations of bringing back the ark of God.  
She was watching not worshipping she despised  
bazah meaning disesteem.
- David had dealt with his feelings over Saul  
Michel had not  
Unresolved issues breed resentment, no desire to worship, critical heart of those who do.
- Michel was bitter over what could have been
- David dealt with the past and lived in the now.  
Michel's bitterness brought barrenness

## The Practice of Praise - Action.

What sort of person has God made you? Be like He made you.

If you are a singer sing, if a growler growl

Let dancers dance, let flag wavers wave their flags.

In our every day life let our lifestyle be praise to our God

Let it speak out praise to Him. There are times that we bring a joint action as the body of Christ.

Take time to look at your life and ask your self dose what I do give him praise? If not pray Lord change me.

Speak out His praise regularly **Psalm 19:14**

Think and meditate on his goodness **Psalm 19:14**

Serve others as an act of worship

## The Sacrifice of Worship – Abandonment.

Mary took what was hers and gave it all to Him

It was not about the cost, the shock value, her, making a statement, I don't believe she even thought about it,

She was thankful – for her brother's life  
- for Jesus' friendship  
- for Christ's presence in her home

She wanted to express it with something that was hers.

Something that was of value

Give to God what is His **Luke 20:25**