

# Thank You All







**For this Very Generous Gift  
I Can Never Thank You Enough!!**



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**Worship Myths Pt 2**



# Praise and Worship



# **God Designed His Creation to Worship Him**

**Rom 1:20**

*“For the invisible things of him from the Creation.... so that they are without excuse”*

**Rom 1:25**

*“changed the truth of God into a lie,  
worshipped / served the creature > the Creator”*

**Isa 55:12**

*“The mountains and hills will burst into song,/ the trees  
of the field will clap their hands!”*

**Whenever God Communes With Us..**

**...We Respond With**

**Thanksgiving.. Praise ..Worship**

# *Praise* **WORSHIP**





# The Difference

**Praise is...**

- **About God**
- **Opening Up**
- **Boldly Declaring**

**Praise Applauds  
What...**

**...God *Has Done***

**Worship is...**

- **to God**
- **Entering In**
- **Humbly Bowing**

**Worship is  
Honoring...**

**...God for Who He *Is***



# **Our Purpose(goal) in Worship**

**Myth #1:**

**Worship is when we Talk about God**

**Truth #1:**

**Worship is when we Come into..  
...the Presence of God**

▪ **True “*God Encounter*”**

**Psalm 22:3 (NASB77)**

*Yet Thou art holy,*

*O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

# The Product(result) of Worship

**Myth #2:**

**True Worship Leaves Me Feeling Pleased**

**Truth #2:**

**True Worship Leaves God Feeling Pleased**

**Eph 5:10 (AMP)**

*<sup>10</sup> And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].*

- **Many Christians believe that they are the audience; in truth, God is the Audience (of One)**



# **The Point of Focus in Worship**

## **Myth #3:**

**In Worship, the Focus is on the Activity  
(*Performance Driven*)**

## **Truth #3:**

**In Worship, the Focus is on God  
(*Driven to Performance*)**

■ **Worship is an Inside Job!**

# **The Pathway to Worship**

## **Myth #4:**

**True Worship Happens when the Music  
and Message are Good**

- **It Definitely Enhances but...**

## **Truth #4:**

**True Worship Happens When We  
Worship in Spirit / Truth**

- **John 4:21-24**



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**...Beyond Human Reasoning**

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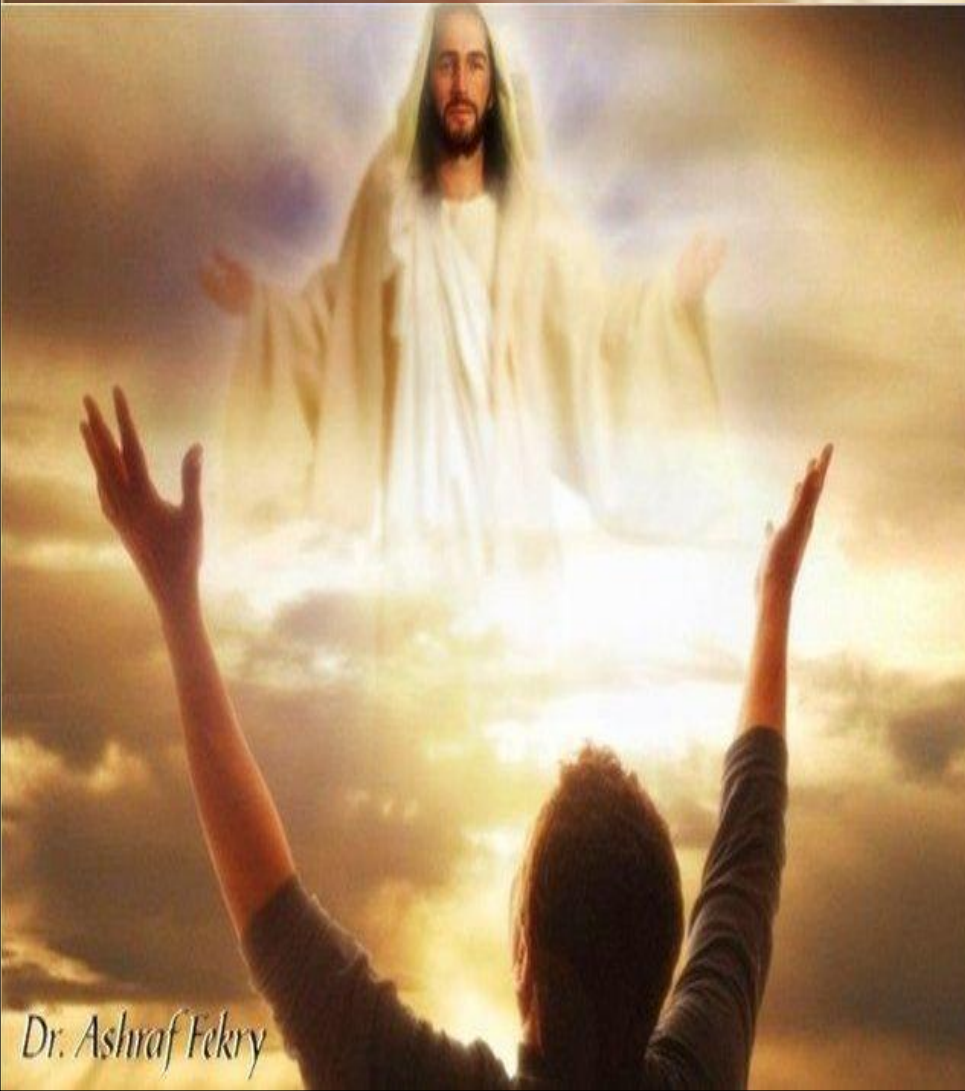
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**Psalm 119:164 , “*Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments*”**

- **Worship Can Happen Anytime We are Open to the Reality and Presence of God.**

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**Psalm 103:1, *"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"***

# Our Need for Worship

**Myth #7:**

**Worship Does Not Affect my Life** (*not need it*)

**Truth #7:**

**Worship is a Life Altering Experience**  
(*can't live without it*)

**Psalm 27:4 (NASV)**

*One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, And to meditate in His temple."*



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*"In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord Sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple .the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling w- smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, / I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, w- a burning coal in his hand which he had taken fr. the altar w- tongs. /he touched my mouth w- it / said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; /your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." -Isa 6:1-7 NASV*

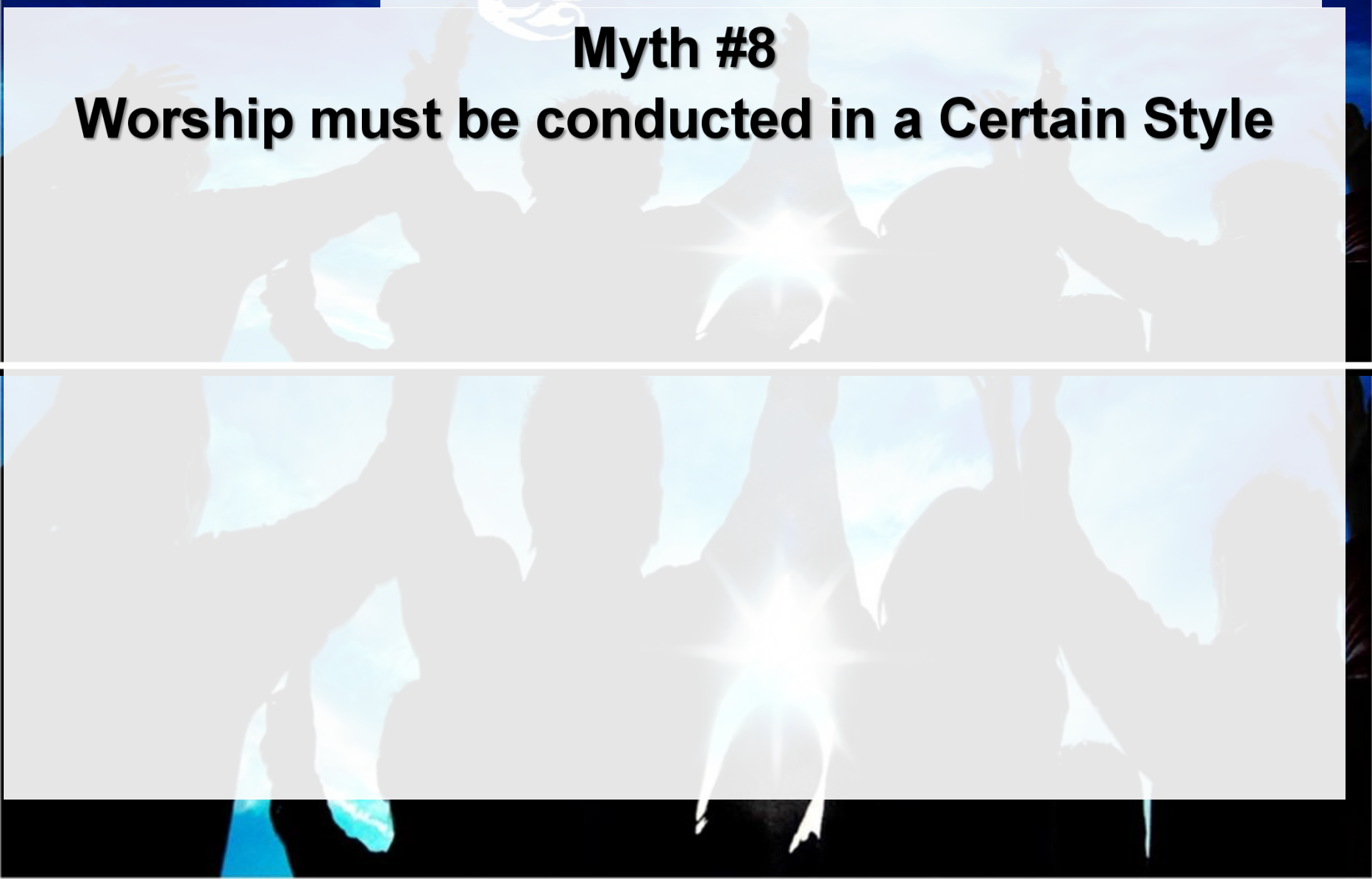
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- **Personal**
- **Corporate**
- **Never Limited**
- **Always Pleasing**
- **Draws us Closer –to God / each other**

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***...Ours is Lifted Up!***

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**I need to worship because without it...**

**I can forget that I have a big God beside me-live in fear.**

**I can forget his calling /begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.**

**I lose a sense of wonder/ gratitude/ plod through life with blinders on.**

**My natural tendency is toward self-reliance / stubborn independence."**

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