

BBC Bible Study Notes
From the Series: The Heart of Worship
“Worship By the Book”
May 26, 2019

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- Worship is _____.
- Worship is _____ and _____.
- Worship is centered on _____.

2. A call to _____ in our relationship with God.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ⁷for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

- God is a shepherd who personally _____ for His sheep.
- The depth of our reverence _____ is dependent on the depth of our relationship _____.

3. A call to _____ to God’s voice with obedience.

Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, ⁹where your fathers tested and tried me, though they had seen what I did. ¹⁰For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.” ¹¹So I declared on oath in my anger, “They shall never enter my rest.” Psalm 95 NIV

- Worship without obedience is _____ to God and _____ for us.
- Worship with obedience brings _____ to your _____.

BBC Verse of the Week: *“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.” Psalm 95:6-7 NIV*

BBCC Devotional Guide for May 26 to June 1, 2019

Sunday: Read Psalm 95:1-5. Biblical worship involves a call to rejoice in God's sovereignty. What expressions of God's sovereignty do you see in these verses? If God is really in control of all things, what difference does that make in your life today?

Monday: Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Worship is not just something we do as individual believers, it is something we do together. What are some reasons that people might neglect worshipping with other believers? How does this become a habit? What can we do about it?

Tuesday: Read Psalm 95:6-7a. Biblical worship is a call to reverence in our relationship with God. These verses remind us that God is a shepherd who personally cares for His sheep. It is also true that the depth of our reverence *for God* is dependent on the depth of our relationship *with God*. What are you doing on a daily basis to deepen your relationship with God?

Wednesday: Read Joshua 24:14-28. This passage is an address by Joshua to the people of Israel. Joshua is an old man and he has faithfully served God. What challenge does he present to Israel? How do they respond? What challenge do his words present to you and your family?

Thursday: Read Psalm 95:7-11. In these verses, God warns us about the danger of having a hard and disobedient heart. In Exodus 17, God's people begin to grumble and complain. Massah means "testing" and Meribah means "quarreling" and this is remembered in Israel's history as the place where Israel grumbled and tested God. When it comes to worship, God wants us to hear Him and obey His voice. As you worship God today, as well as this Sunday, listen for His voice. Maybe God is telling you to serve, to forgive, or to believe Him. As you approach God in worship, decide in advance that you will listen for His voice and obey Him.

Friday: Read Psalm 29. In this psalm, King David is calling the angels to worship God. When we worship together on Sunday mornings we are joining the worship of heaven that never ends. Notice that worship is centered on God and yet benefits us as well. In verse 11, what benefits of worship do God's people receive?

Saturday: Read Matthew 14:22-33. In this story, Jesus displays his power over nature and calls Peter to do the impossible—to walk on water. How do the disciples respond when Jesus and Peter climb back in the boat? Why is Jesus worthy of our worship?

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- Worship is corporate.
- Worship is vocal and vibrant.
- Worship is centered on God.

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- Worship without obedience is worthless to God and dangerous for us.
- Worship with obedience brings rest to your soul.

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