

BCC Bible Study Notes  
From the series: The Heart of Worship  
"The Heart of Worship"  
June 2, 2019

In worship we give our hearts to God and He in turn shares His heart with us. What kind of heart do we need to worship fully so that we can experience God's presence and power in our lives, in our families, in our church and in our nation?

According to 2 Chronicles 7:14 we need:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ heart that \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ heart that \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ heart that \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*What influences the condition of your heart?*

*How can you guard your heart from harmful influences?*

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## BBCC Devotional Guide for June 2-8, 2019

**Sunday:** Read John 4:19-26. In this passage Jesus is speaking to a Samaritan woman about worship. He says that God is seeking people who will worship Him “in spirit and in truth”. Many have written about “seeker worship services” but the reality is that God is the One seeking us! God wants to connect His heart to ours and He wants us to worship Him as he really is not as we imagine Him to be. Pray that God will reveal Himself to you as you worship Him today.

**Monday:** A *humble* heart enables us to connect to God in worship and leads to revival. Read Micah 6:8 and 1 Peter 5:5-6. How can you tell if someone has a “proud” heart? Why do you think God opposes the proud? Humility is being honest with ourselves, others and God about our faults, failures and flaws. Do you have a humble heart?

**Tuesday:** A *hungry* heart enables us to connect to God in worship and leads to revival. Read Matthew 5:6. Righteousness is a right relationship with God that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. How can you tell if someone has a heart that is “hungry” for God? How can you tell if someone has a heart that is not “hungry” for God? Ask God today to give you a heart that is “hungry” for Him.

**Wednesday:** One of the important ways you can tell that someone has a humble, hungry heart is that they pray sincerely and passionately. Three of Jesus’ famous “seven last words” on the cross are prayers (Luke 23:34, Mark 15:34, Luke 23:46). Read Acts 1:14. What were the disciples doing as they waited for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit? They were praying. What does your prayer life say about the condition of your heart?

**Thursday:** Read Acts 3:19. In this passage Peter is addressing the very people who killed Jesus and telling them to repent. The word “repent” means “to change your mind”. This change of mind involves a “moral U-turn” where instead of moving away from God you move toward Him. Repentance involves a genuine sorrow over our sin so that we turn from our sin and turn toward God. As one pastor said, “If we walk to God in repentance, He will run to us in revival.” Is there any area in your life where you need to turn from sin and turn to God?

**Friday:** Read Malachi 3:6-12. In this passage God calls His people to return to Him and He promises that He will return to them. How are they to return to God? By tithing (giving the first 10% of their income to God). What is happening to Israel because they are not tithing? What does God promise will happen if they do? When we trust God and obey Him in the matter of giving we experience His presence, power and peace in remarkable ways!

**Saturday:** Read Psalm 27. According to verse 4 what is the one thing King David seeks above all else? King David longs for the presence of God. How much do you long for the presence of God in your life? How much do you long for the presence of God in the worship of our church? Determine today that you will seek to have a humble, hungry, and holy heart that welcomes the presence of God.

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