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# **Abstract**

This extraordinary book serves as a captivating revelation into the **art of worship**, shedding light on the manifold aspects of human existence intertwined with a life dedicated to worship. Each chapter in this profound literary masterpiece aims to cultivate a heightened awareness (consciousness) of the divine presence of God in our everyday lives, compelling us to embrace worship as an intentional and transformative way of life. By skillfully navigating the depths of spirituality, "The Art of Worship" will inspire readers to embark on a soul-stirring faith journey, where a conscious connection with God becomes the very essence of our daily existence. Prepare to be awakened, inspired, and empowered by this **FaithBook** from The **FaithCampaigner** of Christ, as you delve into the pages of this enlightening work from the HolySpirit.



# Acknowledgment

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# **INTRODUCTION:**

# THE CONCEPT OF WORSHIP

John 4:20-23 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

It is good to have a clear understanding of what Jesus was emphasizing through this scripture, *John* 4:20-23. And the first thing we could pick out is that worship is not confined to a specific location. Secondly, he emphasized on the knowledge behind worship, picking out the key point of salvation. Lastly, he spoke of the present moment as significant; which is the art of worship embedded in the DNA of every believer.

### **Exodus 34 vs 14** For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

This scripture begins by introducing us to the fact that worship stirs up jealousy in the Spirit. Yes! It shows us the importance of worship to God (The Father of all Spirits). Many times people fail to understand God's jealousy because they do not know that aspect of His nature.

Jealousy is often viewed in a negative light. The dictionary defines jealousy as "feeling or showing an envious resentment of someone or their achievements, possessions, or perceived advantages." It may come as a surprise that God describes Himself as a jealous God, challenging our conventional

understanding of this emotion. So then, if we must understand this nature of God, there's a necessity that we look into the expression of His "jealousy."

The Hebrew name translated "jealous God" is El Kanna. Jealousy is usually provocative and intended to make one feel disadvantaged. But if God is a "jealous God," does that mean that he is envious and resentful of achievements, possessions, or advantages? No! Jealousy certainly can be sinful but only when we are jealous over something to which we do not have a right. God's jealousy is rooted in that to which he has exclusive right. And that right comes as a result of His ordinances. As we explore further we begin to see some of the expressions of these ordinances in the lives of men.

Worship is a form of adoration which finds expressions in a man's service. It serves as the basis of an interface between spirit beings and spiritual forces. It is important to know that worship is a spirit thing and God is therefore a jealous God. Remember Jesus said that God is Spirit and therefore, when it comes to true worship, one must learn to engage not only in spirit but also in truth.

There is an energy or we can say a spiritual energy created through the art of worship. And it can be felt; because it is stirred up by spiritual activities; seeking to forge, align or renew a relationship or connection with a higher spirit or spiritual force. This understanding of worship births a man into a covenant way that establishes the purposes of a divine being in every sphere or system. That's why a country is known to be strong or united by their religion or religious practices. Firstly, before we go on, it is important to know that terrestrial and celestial bodies; Angels, elders, rulers, powers, dominions, and systems, must all submit under one authority and that authority is accordance to the ordinances of God Almighty, who created the heavens and the earth. This means that these bodies cannot operate outside a specific jurisdiction no matter how they bend the law.

God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent; And there is no other force greater than His. He is the beginning and end of all things. And so, whenever a body or system fails to recognize and submit to God's ordinances, the will of God is obstructed in that environment or territory. Remember the story of the people of Nineveh and how God had to send his servant Jonah to warn them. This is because they had started operating outside the boundaries of iniquity. Don't get me wrong, what I mean is, that there are levels at which the voice of iniquity is heard by God. (*Listen to my Podcast Episode 28 on Faith-Feed: "The Voice of Iniquity"*).

The increase of the voice of iniquity is what and has been what the devil has been after. He keeps deceiving people; causing negative spirits to dominate systems of the world. By this, we observed the ascendancy of various kind spirits (not of God) in the lives of different ethnicities of people, through the lines of music, films, dance, fashion, culture and ideologies or philosophies of men. These various spirits (of the world) vie for human attention, leading people to willingly and unwillingly leave trails of worship to them. For example; if a man spiritually understands what the *Love of Money* means, he would be cautious not to worship money. This means, his heart can be properly guarded from the love of money. The love of money is the root of all evil because when something is placed as a priority before a man, it gradually becomes an obsession. And that can drive the man out of boundary to the system of iniquity.

The manifestations of the trails of worship, directed towards the spirits of this world, comes from the root power of Lust. Lust is what drives men to serve demons. In this *FaithBook*; As we explore the essence of worship, you'll discover what motivates a person's devotion. And why believers must exercise caution, regarding whom and what they serve in this world, while darkness and wickedness pervade our surroundings. God has revealed that through the art of worship, believers can discern and navigate the treacherous currents of the world.

Hebrews 12 : 9 "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

Every Celestial and Terrestrial bodies were made to worship God Almighty and not to desire to be worshiped. So, a spirit fails to submit (and render worship) to the Father of all Spirits, when the spirit begins to go down a road that's not made by God "This is the road of darkness" And it is this same power of darkness that the god of this world (the devil) operates with. But if we must be able to tame the spirits of this world and silence thr god of the world, then it is vital for our spirit man to understand the necessity of resisting devil's worship, no matter what form it comes in, even as a born again child of God.

# James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

First of all, worship requires the commitment of your spirit, soul and body. And it doesn't just end at church service. It is a lifestyle that is adopted through the knowledge of God and must be cultivated on the same path of knowledge. This is why knowing the *art of worship* is paramount to your Christian

journey. One of the major essence of the church is to affirm that God is truly exalted over a city, a family or a community. It is the first sign to know the people are of God. And as a believer, you must know that worship begins with submission and it is a continuous journey of life and not a junction of life. Many of the mighty men mentioned in the bible had this understanding that kept them on the right path. It is this same mindset that the HolySpirit will like to imprint on every man's heart. It is the HolySpirit that teaches a man the art of worship and no man can excel in the art of worship without the HolySpirit. *Take this journey with me, let's discover what the HolySpirit has revealed concerning the Art of Worship in our times.* 

# THE FELLOWSHIP IN WORSHIP

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

The Spirit of Worship creates a bond among the brethren, and that bond is a function of fellowshipping. Fellowship is simply the means of knowing someone better "To Commune with someone". It is an important aspect of worship, as it allows believers to share their experiences, insights, and gifts with one another. Fellowship also strengthens the bond between God and his people, as they express their love and gratitude to him.

Acts 2:42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

1 John 1:3: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

There is a unity that the fellowship in worship brings; And this unity is the beauty of God's glory. This is witnessed whenever the saints are gathered together, with one heart and spirit of worship. Unity (Oneness) produces God's glory; And in the body of Christ this is what the fellowship in worship tends to establish across every nation. Once men can be enlightened and can be in alignment with the Spirit of God, all men will have the advantage of life; Reason being that God leaves His impressions (thoughts) in the heart of every man who comes to genuinely worship Him. So then we can say that, Fellowship is successful if God is able to create his impression in your heart. This impression tends towards edifying your character and personality; Giving you a new perspective of life with God. Just like in the beginning, God's impressions gave Adam the ability to name each animal. Remember Adam was made in the image of God and the spiritual understanding of this image simply implies that Adam could identify the impressions of God easily; This means a man can behave and think exactly how God

would think "The Likeness of God". So, we could say; that what man lost in the beginning as the image of God was the impression of God. And so it would become impossible for Man to know the mind of God "How God would think".

God's image (impressions) is the result that fellowshipping with God establishes. This fellowship comes as a result of the heart of worship. Note that Fellowship is a place where we don't only know the heart of God, but God also sees our heart and desires. So most times our request can only be made on the level/basis of intimacy (how long a man has come to know, trust and serve God) we have with God. There will be no dealings with God without a point of intimacy. Fellowship will create intimacy between God and men; Bringing men to the understanding of the power of intimacy and the value it creates, between your heart and God's heart. David in the bible understood this and that's why he became a man after God's heart. Note; Intimacy is the sphere where **transactions**, **transitions** and **transformations** can take place (we will discuss further in THE BENEFIT OF WORSHIP).

The only way God can interpret his communion with Man is on the basis of the level of a man's heart towards fellowshipping; Because this is where God is reverenced and acknowledged. And if a man's heart doesn't value fellowship, the man will see worship as a casual thing or as a waste of time. This is why men are so conscious of time during a fellowship hour. The consciousness of time is what causes men to lose the consciousness of God during fellowship time. So the first thing man must understand about worship in the beginning, is that it was designed to be a system of submission to the ordinances of God. This was why fellowship time was determined by God's timing and visitation. So whenever man senses the presence of God, he knew that it was the time for fellowship. It was God's presence that determined fellowship time. But when we look after the fall of man, we could see that fellowship time had to now be determined by man's art of worship. So man had to create a system of worship in order to bring down the presence of God. Cain and Abel understood this and that's why in the process of time they both brought their offerings for worship. Jesus Christ came to restore us back to that original blueprint, where we become carriers of the presence of God by the inception of the HolySpirit in our heart. So that we as believers, won't have to be justified by works to attract God's presence, but we could be temples; carrying the very presence of God everywhere we go. This begins with the consciousness of God. Christ made us to be God conscious so that fellowship becomes a norm(Lifestyle) to the believer.

### **PURPOSE IN WORSHIP**

Worship is a mysterious and powerful act that connects us with the divine. Through worship, we deepen our intimacy with God and align ourselves and our resources; bringing everything under control/possession of the purposes of God (*Get my FaithBook*: <u>UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF GOD 1-4</u>). It forms an intentional act of a man's consecration; by which he can be aligned to his maker and his heart be inclined to the purposes of his God, irrespective of his personality. Once a man is aligned, the purpose in worship begins to birth the possibilities of God around that man. Yes! This enables a man to step into a realm that engages his spirit and enlarges his heart; making it possible for him to see differently and feel impossible things are like normal things. This brings us to Adam, who skillfully took care of the garden, because he dwelt in a realm of a divine glory "The Glory Realm". So his communion with God birthed a cascade of revelations and inspirations directly from God. Yes! Man could interpret the mind of divinity and translate it into reality. This was how he was able to keep the garden for a while. This now shows us one of the major purposes in worship, which is "See God's mind, manifest God's mind".

The success of worship done by a man, is the ability in getting feedback.... and that's why in this book, we will go deeper into the understanding of the expressions of a worshiper. This success of worship has the ability to make our mind and the mind of God as one. This means there will be only one thought, one desire, one intention and one action. No wonder Adam was able to name the animals. So when such an alignment is found...., the glory of God is witnessed in the life of that man. This is the reason why we could find instances of individuals who may have glimpsed the glory realm but couldn't linger, because it wasn't their domain, they were not eligible.... Prophet Moses serves as a perfect example of someone who touched the glory realm; The Bible recounts an incident when the people could not gaze upon his face because he had just descended from the mount. (*See Exodus 34*). Note; There will be no purpose in worship if God is not made manifest first in worship. Great men like Elijah, Samuel, David and many others of old, had found a frequency that realizes the purpose in worship; This means they knew how to manifest God first. Because they knew how to find (seek) God. You can't manifest God without searching for Him. We have recorded since, we keep recording the same patterns of God's manifestations in the lives of men in our generation. So once a man can find a frequency of God (That

is the point where your thoughts become one with God), he can be exposed to the glory experiences of Yahweh; And there is no limit to such a man in life.

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

In the beginning, God granted humanity the power to dominate and rule over the earth. However, this dominion was intricately tied to the revelation knowledge that would be gained through man's fellowship with God. Thus, fellowship became the conduit through which God intended to unveil His **hidden wisdom** on mankind, enabling humanity to exercise their dominion effectively.

<u>1Cor 2:7</u> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even **the hidden wisdom**, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

<u>Genesis 2:8</u> And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

God created the Eden realm (Glory realm), so that man could learn directly at His feet. This Glory realm created, was also for the purpose of man's understanding (wisdom). And it was the constant feeding from this wisdom that enabled the keeping of the garden of Eden. God asked Man to take care of the garden; meaning to be a gardener (This is simply the understanding of the shepherd's way). Because one of the first purposes attached to a man that must be inclined to God's ways is to be a keeper, a guardian, a watchman, a steward we can go on and on, but all this tends towards the shepherd's way (one who takes care of God's own). The Shepherds are used both in the old and new testaments as a reference point for behavior and conduct, good and bad, because they are the ones that fall in this line of the keepers and that is why we could trace the shepherd's way in the story of Abel, Abraham, Moses, David and even Jesus Christ our Lord, who came with this same mind set...

John 10:11-18 "I am the good **shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—..... I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take

it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

<u>Isa 40:11</u> He shall feed his flock like a **shepherd**: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Throughout the history of the bible, we could see patterns of the shepherd's way that God tried to make all the Israelite understand. In the process of time, Cain and Abel both came to worship God with their firstfruit "offering" (see *Genesis 4*). The bible records that Abel was a shepherd, while Cain was a gardener. This is probably where the shepherds became God's ideal example of true worshipers as of old. Abel's worship was accepted but Cain's worship was not. Reading *chapter 4*, we could come to say that Cain killed Abel because Abel understood God's way (the shepherd's way) more than Cain. This jealousy brought about a different purpose that was never ordained by God. This is why even till the new testament "The Way of Cain" is recognized (See *Jude11*). The shepherd's way is in similitude to God's way. And this was why Adam was placed as a keeper of the garden of Eden. But we must understand that one significance of this way is that we must be willing to serve according to our jurisdiction. What made Adam fall was because he went out of his jurisdiction. We are vulnerable whenever we leave the ordinances of God. And one of those ordinances is the shepherd's way. The purpose in worship is entangled with the Shepherd's way (*Psalm 23*). Remember that David was the keeper of his father's sheep (A shepherd boy) in the wilderness, before he was anointed king. So know that God is very much interested in men who have an understanding of the shepherd's way.

Ezek 34:7-8 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey,... to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Ezekiel 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Just as we have seen so far, worship introduces us to the mind of the shepherd's way (The mind of God). And this is how we can be able to carry out the perfect will of God for our lives. But since man was cut off from this way in the beginning, man had to then struggle and suffer to learn the ways of God. But thank God for Jesus Christ, the son of God, who came to install the shepherd's mind in us, so that through His Spirit and by His Spirit we can understand the life of the shepherd's way.

# **REALITY OF WORSHIP**

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

Note: Worship is what makes a spirit express itself. It is a language of the Spirit. And things change when that language changes. Remember the battle that turned against the children of Israel after a sacrifice was made. So then, without worship a spirit will be limited. The Bible records that the voice of the Lord was walking in the garden. This was an expression of God's Spirit. So then, to Adam, he could understand how the Spirit expressed itself and knew whenever the Lord was around. A carnal man will never be able to grasp this "The Voice of the Lord Walking..." The reality of worship is what enables the believer to find an expression in the presence of God. Because it is one thing to be in God's presence, it is another thing to identify the presence.

Many at times idols were being created because men were looking for what to use to identify God's presence. This was one of the major essences of the Ark of the Lord carried by the Israelites. The only difference was that the Ark was designed according to God's intent. Do you know that you can be in a king's kingdom and not be able to find the king? The scripture says; You will find him when you seek him (*Proverbs 8 vs 17*). The reality of worship cannot be gotten without first seeking. Adam could perceive, hear and understand God's movement, (God's form and God's identity) because he had an inspiration from God. Remember when God made man, He breathed upon him and man became a living soul. That breath of God is the inspiration of God upon a man and that inspiration is life (*See Job 33:4*).

### Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

The spirit in man is what ensures that a man's heart is connected towards seeking God's face. So if the spirit is distracted, the heart will eventually be distracted. Because until the heart is connected, until a man seeks with the whole of his heart, it would be difficult to find God. Do you know that the devil has structured the world in such a way, that the eyes of men will be constantly turned away from the face of God. Yes! But Note first that you cannot get the reality of worship if your heart is not

connected. The Scripture says; "They worship me with their mouths but their hearts are far from me" (*See Isaiah 29 vs 13*). So the question is "How far is your heart from God?".

The Devil is not powerful, he only wants to get the attention of men. And by doing so, he tends to find more expressions in the world today, because spirits seek attention and domination over territories. So then, there's the spirit of the world and the Spirit of God. Note that the spirit you are more conscious of is the spirit that controls your decisions in life, and it is the same spirit that tends to receive your worship knowingly or unknowingly to you. So then, you must understand that worship begins from a state of consciousness (but we would visit this in another chapter).

This is exactly what Adam lost in the beginning "The Consciousness of God". The reality of worship begins with a consciousness and consciousness cannot be born without intentionality. And intentionality cannot be gotten without clarity. This was why we began looking into the purpose of worship. The garden of Eden; like an extension of the heavenly bodies; a reality created within the reality of the earth realm, can't really be explained, but we could know that nothing limited the movement of God there, nothing restricted God's fellowship with Man, nothing came between God and man. And so nothing stops man from carrying the consciousness of God in him.

# **BENEFIT OF WORSHIP**

The dominion given to man in the beginning ensured the manifestation of light (*Ephesians 5:13*). This light could be seen when Adam named the animals and took care of the garden. It is through this same manifestation of light, that a believer can be transformed (Like what happened to Apostle Paul in *Acts 9:3*). It is in this same light that a believer carries out spiritual transactions (Like King Solomon in *1 Kings 3:4*). And it is in this light that a man can be translated (Like Enoch in the bible who walked closely with God *Hebrews 11:5*). So then, the major benefits we could pick out when it comes to the Art of Worship, is the experience of **Transformations, Transactions & Translations** in the kingdom of God. This is why it is one thing to be born again, but it is another thing to live a life of worship. No one can genuinely experience any of these benefits without the life of worship.

### **Transformation**

God is interested in transforming a man and this transformation can occur in the way of Worship. This is the good will of God. Remember, we made mention that worship comes from fellowship. This is exactly what brings about a man's Transformation. It is actually the place where a man takes up an identity of God; comes into the knowledge of truth. And get to prove the good will of God, the acceptable will of God and the perfect will of God according to the scripture below.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

In order for this transformation to occur, a man requires knowledge access. But it doesn't just stop there. He requires consistency and patience through the guidance of the Holy spirit. Note that one man's transformation cannot be the same with another man's.... Your salvation story cannot be the same...., because there's an author of salvation (*Hebrews 5:9*). And this author doesn't write a book twice. Your book has been written and everything written is in accordance with the will of God. But if the book must be legally opened then, you must understand that the power to accept Jesus Christ as

Lord comes from the Spirit of God. And the power to live for God comes from the same Spirit. You cannot fulfill what is written of you without the help of the HolySpirit. Note, your initial faith that God gave you to accept him, is not enough to sustain you throughout your Christian journey. Therefore growth is essential to your faith life. This is why the Scriptures talk about the renewing of the mind; exactly what grows the believer's faith "The Word of God". This process will involve the act of meditation. Because it is through meditation that a man gets to access revelation knowledge. And once there's revelation there's transformation. So then, meditation leads to transformation and the evidence of this transformation is the image of God through Christ in a man's heart.

<u>2Cor 3:18</u> But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Col 3:10 Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**2Cor 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

This is what the devil keeps trying to fight; Because he knows that transformation leads to the opening of the eyes of a man's spiritual understanding. And that is the bedrock to spiritual transactions which will eventually reveal the glory of God in a man's life. Once a man understands the ways and mechanics of God's dominion over the Heaven realm, it would be possible for man to exercise his own dominion over the earth realm. This is why transformation is important in order to see God's strategies...

#### Transaction

Matt 4:8-10 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

The devil understands spiritual transactions and he knows that worship has the power to place a demand or establish transactions in the realm of the spirit. This was why he showed and offered Jesus

territories for the purpose of worship.... But Jesus understood the purpose in worship and that's why He could resist the devil and cast him off.

Many at times people fail to understand the law of worship and that's why they venture into making covenants with the devil. They are more conscious of the offer than waht the offer can do to their souls. You must understand that Worship is first a soul business. And that is why no matter the offer, one must be conscious of who or what is selling, making and proposing an offer. There are offers from both the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness (just like we saw the devil offer Jesus). Scripture says; seek first the kingdom of God.... And every other thing shall be added unto you "Benefits'.

The law of worship was designed to be mutual; that is, God benefits and man also benefits. God's benefit is the glory, honor, adoration, acknowledgment, reverence that comes through the art of worship, while Man's benefit is limitless, because he attracts the presence of God (just like king Solomon). It is this same mind of Worship that separates an individual from another. Remember the story of Cain and Abel; one was acceptable while the other was not. This is because Cain did not understand the art of worship, but Abel did. And that was what made him acceptable. Note: Seeking first the kingdom of God is what makes you acceptable. In fact it is the acceptable will of God. So then, we could say; that **Transformation is the good will of God, Transactions is the acceptable will of God and Translation (Transfiguration) is the perfect will of God.** 

Genesis 4:3-4 And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought off the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought off the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Abel understood the art of worship, King Solomon understood the art of worship, King Hezekiah also understood and many others who had transactions with God in the Bible. Some of the things we have learned from their history is that for a transaction with God to be successful, the art of worship must be acceptable. God cannot bless what is without honor. This is why believers must seek to honor God first. In fact that is evidence of the fear of God in a man's life. "Honor" It comes with a clean mind and a clear conscience. Cain did not have such a conscience, that's why he lacked honor. Note; Cain's jealousy over Abel was not just about the honor in the offering, but the fact that he knew God was going to bless the works of Abel's hand. And in the next season Abel surely would bring much more

than him. Acceptable sacrifices are important for Spiritual transactions and therefore it stirs up spiritual growth.

The Bible talks about the way of Cain (Jude 1:11). Therefore It is necessary that believers learn to follow Abel's way. The way of Abel talks about a way that is honorable; and so, if your worship isn't of this way it won't be acceptable. Cain failed to understand this and he created his own way (the way of Cain); A way that shows dishonor, a way that recognizes every form of ungodly intentions; the way of greed, pride, selfishness and a whole lot that even leads one to kill their loved ones. Cain's way can also be found in the life of a believer who doesn't understand the mystery of tithing. You must know from today that your tithe is an art of worship.

### **Translations**

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Translation talks about perfection. This is where a man experiences and does the perfect will of God consistently. To the point where he can no longer separate his agenda from God's and therefore reaches another realm of intimacy with God, where he loses his own will entirely to the purposes of God. Elijah was such a man and he was escorted by heavenly chariots to heaven.

In the process of translation, there's transfiguration and then transition. Transfiguration is exactly what happened to Jesus at the mount (*Matthew 17:2*) and also happened to Moses at mount Sinai (*Exodus34*). Transfiguration tends to reveal the heavenly identity of a man; It registers the glory of God on a man and clothes him with a new heavenly body; giving a mortal man the ability to communicate with heavenly bodies. This was why Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus communicating with Moses and Elijah. It is impossible for anyone to recognize Moses or Elijah to then know who they really are, unless the person finds himself in that realm of transfiguration. The perfect will of God can be established when a man finds the mount of transfiguration; in other words, when a man finds his identity in the kingdom. Locating the mount talks about the degree of fasting and praying, one is willing to do. After Transfiguration comes Transition; This is where a man is given the license to enter into heaven with a body (Just as Jesus went up to heaven). Note; Anybody the Bible records that didn't see death, means that, the body of that person is still with the person but in another form in another realm. One of the significance of transition is that just as they say energy is neither created nor

destroyed, but converted from one form to another. It is the same in the process of translation, earthly bodies to heavenly bodies and it is powered by the glory move of God. The path of translation is the path of perfection and this should be the end point (aim) of every believer. Remember the path of the just shines brighter and brighter unto a **perfect** day.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

James 1:23-24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

The path of perfection requires you to remain therein. Any time you leave the mirror of God's word you eventually fail to do God's word. Beholding requires consistency, so also your work of faith requires consistency. What will make you not to forget who you are is transformation and what brings about transformation is encounter with the word of God. The Word of God can only renew your mind when you make beholding a priority. Once we behold we can be transformed into the image of Christ. So then, beholding helps us to do the good, the acceptable and then the perfect will of God. There comes a point when a man can no longer forget who he is because he had kept beholding for a very long time. Therefore this brought the understanding that Translation is birthed from a long process of consecration.

# THE WORSHIP OF OLD

Worship as in the ordinance of the beginning was a realm designed to host the purposes of man's coexistence with divinity. The first man (Adam) didn't need any form of ritual, sacrifice or art of worship
to attract God's presence to himself or to learn about God. But this later became a problem after his
fall through disobedience. Hence, man now needed to build an atmosphere, a system by sacrifice and
offerings, in order to draw God's attention (God's presence) and gain the knowledge of God. Several
art of worship derived by mankind gave birth to the quest (desires and lust) of getting back to God by
any means. This led to the creation of idols, altars, and systems of worship by fetish means; becoming a
custom, tradition, religion and ideologies born out of demons in order to lead men astray, feeling they
could determine God. But God is the one that chooses a man before a man can ever choose God. Most
of the demons people fight today are as a result of these systems or practice of idol worship that
opened the door to negative spirits.

In the old, sacrifice was a means of worship, popular among both the heathens and the Israelite. Sacrifice became a natural occurrence to believers who understood the existence of a God. And Connecting back to God became a priority for mankind as at that time. And so, the devil capitalized on that desire of man, making man fall into ignorance by eating off the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So from then, man no longer understood that salvation is a working of God and not the working of man. God has to start the redemption process, that is why it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God. Until God moves to save a man, that man cannot be saved.

The reason why God hates idolatry can be traced to the beginning, where God created man in his own image and likeness. That image and likeness means that man and God can reason together on same frequency (through fellowship). This means, God didn't intend for idols to be the means of communication between Him and man. But rather man's desires took God further away, making it almost impossible to salvage mankind. Note, the garden of Eden was created as a portal, which allowed intimacy between the God realm and the man realm. God wanted man to understand the importance

of being in his likeness. And if Adam had understood the importance, he wouldn't have fallen. If you understand that you are in God's likeness you won't seek to worship idols, you won't seek any extra knowledge. Adam and Eve didn't understand, so they became unsatisfied with the intimacy they had with God. And so, they sort to disobey God when the opportunity arises.

After the fall, Man realized that it was impossible to be like God again (likeness), and now he started looking for ways to get back that connection and intimacy. Man's system of worship generated in time passed, was anchored on dynamic rituals, sacrifices, offerings that intended to exalt a spiritual being. We noticed through history that every ceremony of worship began with an offering and then a feast. Although feasting is common, God is more concerned with what is being worshiped and in the name of whom is any feasting done. God is jealous whenever He is not at the center of any worship. So when an image becomes the center focus, He is angered, because of His jealousy. God is a jealous God.

Micah 5:13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

Note: God didn't create idols, He created Man, but Man created idols; And man preferred to serve idols. Idolatry is a spirit that can host several demons; that means it can open the door to several spirits. This spirit has become very influential over the past times; moving from one generation to another. It has taken different forms in order to infiltrate the hearts of many men in different seasons of their lifes.. Idolatry is still practiced by people around the world today, knowingly and unknowingly. And If we must deal with this spirit that came from the worship of old, we must first unite the body of Christ in the understanding of the way of worshiping God in spirit and truth.

True worship can be derived from Atonement; because it establishes the mindset of repentance; breaking the covenant of idolatry and bringing men to the feet of God's word. The Israelites understood the power of atonement and that was why God heard them whenever they turned back to him. In the worship of old, atonement was a necessary phenomenon that ushered people into an era of experiencing newness, goodness and the glory of God. But the existence of Atonement was because of the existence of the law. There will be nothing to atone for if there's no sign of a law broken. The law actually made it possible for man to be guided in the Art of Worship to God Almighty, so that they don't derail and start doing their own will. The law also was a system that sought to honor and please God; designed to keep God's people closer to God. But you see, one of the reasons the Children of

Israel kept breaking the law was because their hearts were not connected to God. So God saw that the main issue with man was not the guiding law (because it couldn't make them perfect), but the unguarded heart. Scripture says; They worship me with their mouth but their hearts are far from me.

There are three major patterns that stood out in man's quest to please God:

The first is in sacrifice, the second is in obedience, and the third is in righteousness. In the worship of old, these patterns had to begin from sacrifice to righteousness. But because of the coming of Christ, it now begins from righteousness to sacrifice. This means we are made by God's righteousness to offer the sacrifices of righteousness.

In this context, we will look at each pattern and see how God was systematically reverenced.

### **Sacrifice**

1 Kings 3:4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

Sacrifice is one of the symbols of worship; it expresses honor and respect for God. Every man of sacrifice will understand the dealings of God and will know how to get God's attention. It is necessary to know that idol worship is sponsored by demonically inspired sacrifices. The corruption in a man's heart begins with idol worship. This was why the people of old were living in the bondage of corruption; They couldn't resist idol worship. Reading through the Old Testament you will find different categories of men "Kings" who did and did not do the will of God by discouraging and encouraging idol worshiping. King Solomon is one out of many examples from men like king David and King Hezekiah. One significant thing about Solomon was his heart of sacrifice.

1 Kings 3:3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

Solomon didn't have doubts or try to go in the way of Cain. He understood that the best should be for God. This is a sacrifice that has honor. And that act of his granted him access to God's wisdom and riches. And to show the extent of his genuine love for God, he sought only for the betterment of his people before God. Solomon had a spirit of sacrifice.

1 Kings 3:5,9-10 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

### **Obedience**

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Obedience is a symbol of worship. One of the secrets of David's commitments to God was obedience. David became a man after God's heart, because he had the ability to carry out God's will. In other words, he had the spirit of obedience. Obedience is how a man becomes a man after God's heart. God can be so certain about a man; that is He can trust a man when a man's obedience is full. The scripture below shows how a believer follows the path of obedience:

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Once a man is able to bring his thoughts to the obedience of Christ, he would be a man after God's heart. Obedience is the key to fulfilling God's purposes on earth; it is the only way you can prove God's existence in your life. (*Hebrew 5:8*) Looking at Jesus we come to see that obedience is learned and as the HolySpirit is our teacher, he ensures we come to full obedience of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# <u>Righteousness</u>

Genesis 39:10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

Joseph is one of the great men in the Bible who had the fear of God. It is the fear of God that commands righteousness and every man that claims to be the righteousness of God must have the understanding of the fear of God. Proverbs 2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

The sense of righteousness is a system of worship; Remember, we talked about the knowledge of God being the result of worship. This means, if you must seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness then you must follow the path of the fear of God which commands honor and reverence.

### Sacrifice Obedience and Righteousness:

We see a man who displayed all three patterns of the worship. This man is Abraham. Abraham became a friend of God because he showed obedience, sacrifice and revealed the righteousness of God which is by faith. (*James 2:23*).

Hebrews 11:8-17 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Acts 13:26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

God loves simplicity, but men do love complexity, this is why many find it difficult believing the good news of the gospel "You are forgiven". The gospel is too good to be true. Man naturally feels that his best is never enough to meet God's heights of righteousness; so he intends to feel more justified by his own works (doings and sacrifices). He is more interested in his sacrifice towards God than his hearts towards God in order to feel justified by works and through works. It is this same ideology that gives birth to comparisons, competition and complexity of religion. Remember the story of the Pharisee and the Publican (see scripture below). And most times the fruits of this mindset of justification by works, gives birth to envy, jealousy, hate, malice, and many other forms of unwanted plants (The way of Cain). Remember God said; mercy should be desired rather than sacrifice (*Hosea 6:6*).

Luke 18:10-13 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but

smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted..

# **OBSTACLES OF WORSHIP**

Psalms 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Worship produces an incense which commands the attention of God in Heaven. Worship is not all about the activities or patterns of offerings, prayers, praises, feasts or the sacrifices; These are only the means by which spiritual incense are raised. It is about the heart and soul, the mind and the motive, the will and the understanding behind it. Worship connects you to God and there are bound to be obstacles that will rise against your spirit of worship. Once your heart is first connected to God in spirit, angels are obliged to carry your incense; ascending directly to the heavenly realm. Note "It is consistent charging that makes a battery full, so therefore it is consistent worship that makes heaven open up to you as a result of your incense".

**Isaiah 29:13** And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their **worship** of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

The basics of worship is the connectivity of the heart. Once the navigation of the heart is not of the right spirit, it is difficult for a man to truly worship God. You should be careful not to allow your worship become mechanically generated (that is which is sponsored by the ideologies, ethics, formulas and philosophies of men) "by the flesh". God can not be put in a formula and that's why before any formula must work, the spirit of God has to define the equation parameters to you. This means you cannot expect to get exactly the same solution as another man.

There are several spiritual networks, but a man has to first embrace the consciousness of God in order to find the right network. The Spirit of God can easily find expression in a man who has the consciousness of God. Remember, it was God that gave detailed explanation on how offerings and sacrifices should be offered in the times of old; in other words, it is the HolySpirit that instructs us on

how our worship life should be like. There are certain obstacles or stumbling blocks of worship that can hinder a man's alignment with God.

Lack of reverence: Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Many people find it difficult acknowledging the supremacy of God over their lives; they feel that God shouldn't be involved in certain areas of their lives; they feel that they could limit or control the influence of God over their affairs. And by this, they tend to become more self conscious, forgetting that the steps of a righteous man are ordered of the Lord.

Self consciousness is what leads people away from acknowledging God; because you can only acknowledge God if you are God conscious. Lack of Reverence means lack of acknowledgment. The place of Consciousness is a battle of value; how much does someone or something mean to you. Once you can address God's value in your heart, you can embrace the consciousness of God in you. If you must learn to reverence God, you must learn to set Him as the number one priority in your life.

Lack of Humility: James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. The opposite of humility is pride and the way pride finds expression differs. But the way it is nurtured or ignored matters a lot. Pride is a stumbling block in relationships and a worthless price to pay in life. Heavenly rewards elude a man when pride controls his life. Pride can hinder your worship life. And in the kingdom of God, ascendancy can only occur at the death of the spirit of Pride. So pride has a spirit and taming that spirit is the priority of every believer. Spirits are energized by the knowledge feed to a man's soul. This is why if you want more of the expression of the HolySpirit in your life you need to feed your soul right.

Greed, lies, manipulation, violence, lack of contentment and many negative fruits have their alignment with the spirit of Pride. You must understand that as a human being pride is natural, but the spirit of pride is unnatural. And that is where the problem begins. Pride is that egg that no man wants to get cracked. But when it comes to the Spirit it is what drives a man to do unspeakable things in order to maintain or service the spirit of pride. The cost of killing pride is an understanding. And it is this understanding that humbles a man. Key points to note;

Pride is the path of the high minded and the solution is to be sober minded. Pride makes people put confidence in their strength and ability. The deception of pride leads a man to the point of hopelessness.

The bible says; pride goeth before a fall.

2 Corinthians 10:4-4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

You cannot effectively render worship to God with a heart that is filled with what exalts itself above the knowledge of God. Once there is a knowledge in you that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, your worship to God may be of spirit but will not be of truth. Truth means that every knowledge is brought under God. This is how you escape the governance of pride.

The Place of Obscurity: Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. Darkness is as a result of a man's location in the realm of the Spirit. And that location means that a man's heart is alienated from God's light. Ignorance means there's a lack of knowledge; lack of enlightenment "Light". So we can boldly say that the location of a man's spirit in the realm of the spirit is void of light when it comes to the place of obscurity.

**Isaiah 58:10** And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

The only way people can know you have light is by your works and this works is as a result of how much you submit to the commandment of God which is Love "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" Once you become comfortable with expressing God's love your light will shine. If you must come out of obscurity you must love God. "Have the understanding of the love of God".

The Spirit of Unforgiveness: Matthew 6:14-14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Most at times when a man finds it difficult moving forward in life, it means there's something holding him back. One of the things that hinders, limits or holds a man back is Unforgiveness. This nature is birthed by several spirits of the world such as; hate, envy, revenge and malice against another individual. This was why Jesus emphasized on the necessity of forgiveness during prayer. It is necessary to learn forgiveness when it comes to your dealings and operations with men. Know how to forgive early, it will save you from opening the door to negative spirits.

Lack of Sincerity: 2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. The bible clearly states that; those who worship God must worship in Spirit and in truth. Truth simply talks about the state of sincerity of a man's heart; the condition at which a man's heart must be in order to advance into the oasis of God's presence. When a man fails to recognize the place of truth he subjects himself to an authority not of God. Truth is sponsored by the Spirit of God and if you must come to the knowledge of truth, then you must receive the Spirit of God into your heart. Sincerity without truth is like worshiping without knowledge.

Lack of Respect: This is one phenomenon that makes men not to give God the honor He deserves. Respect is a form of obedience or regard given to show an honor or reverence for somebody. It is an understanding of the fear of God. A man who has respect for God will always follow the way of Abel and not Cain. The story of Cain and Abel, simply teaches us that there are some acts of worship which can become a ridicule to God. In as much as God delights in man's willingness He is also interested in a man's worthiness. God respects all those who respect him and those who do not respect Him, He shows no respect. One of the signs of respect comes from the spirit of honor. Anybody you don't respect, you can't honor that person.

### Psalms 119:6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments

**Guilt Consciousness:** Guilt brings doubt and a man who cannot resolve his guilty conscience will end up making his heart distant from God. Doubt limits the move of God in a man's life. And if a man is not careful it can lead him through the path that tempts God.

#### Psalms 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

There is a difference between tempting God and proving God. And if a man does not understand the art of worship, he will find himself tempting God. For example, Abel was trying to prove God while Cain was trying to tempt God. David proved God but Saul tempted God. Anything you do that has no respect for God is simply the act of tempting God. We could go further to explain this, but the truth cannot be over emphasized. If you must deal with a guilty conscience, you must first understand the logic of your redemption and that is about you being the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

# ATMOSPHERE OF WORSHIP

Atmosphere usually determines the countenance of an individual. For example if you enter a room where the atmosphere seems to be calm and orderly, you will naturally be forced to be calm and of good behavior. But sometimes you may find yourself in an atmosphere that changes your countenance and makes it soar. And when such happens, a man's countenance falls and it reduces his efficiency and effectiveness in some of the things of life. Hence, there is a necessity for man to cultivate his personal atmosphere, by consciously building an atmosphere that influences others instead of being influenced. Have you noticed some kind of people, that when they come into a place the atmosphere changes immediately or with respect to time? That's exactly what I'm trying to let you know as a believer; You have the power to create a positive atmosphere at all times, but it begins from what goes into you.

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Whatever goes into a man, for it to find expressions, it must alter the status of that man's heart. You cannot effectively render worship to God, pay Homage without conditioning the atmosphere. This is why people build altars, carry out rituals and play certain kinds of sounds or music. The art of Worship may follow a pattern of devotion, ceremony and tradition, that tends to build an atmosphere suitable to host the presence of a Spirit.

Worship produces incense; not the physical incense that is burned, but a spiritual incense; creating channels of the spirit that causes the soul of a man to be in tangled with the knowledge of the Spirit; enabling a certain level of communication between a man and spiritual bodies. The frequency of this communication depends upon the signal strength (intensity of the incense). This signal strength is generated by the consistency of conditioning the heart towards the purposes of a divine being "God". In other words, the more focused your heart can be, the more the signal strength increases. Like I said before; that the strength of the signal is what determines the frequency of communication. Therefore,

the existence of man depended on it, because it was God's main intent during creation. In the beginning man lived in a realm of worship, this means that God came to be worshiped by man. So worship was not according to man's timing but according to the timing of God's visitations. The fall of Man changed everything and man had to start looking for ways, using worship to attract God's visitation. So the art of worship became a system structured to gain the attention of God at all times.

# 2 Kings 3:15 - "But now bring me a musician." And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him.

There is an atmosphere that tends to condition a man's heart in order for God to move through the man. This atmosphere can be created through rhythm, melodies, and harmonies initiated through musical instruments, in order to influence and dominate the spirit of a man in his heart. This simply means that you must be careful of the kind of music that gets registered in your soul at every given season of your life. Because music is the fastest way of fellowshiping with spirits. This was why I said before, that it is what gets into you that determines what atmosphere you carry or what atmosphere you can create. Therefore, whatever enters into your heart must be of the right spirit, in order for your soul not to be found or caught up in the bondage of corruption.

Spirits are inclined to follow the rhythm of a man's heart (the status of the heart). And that is why, a man with the spirit of joy can not have the spirit of depression at the same time or season. One must die for the other to take over. Spirits can work with sounds and they can enable a man to keep his heart focused on God at different times. Note; Sounds (instruments) or music help us condition our atmosphere of worship; it helps build a consciousness where you can't doubt God; creating a suitable atmosphere for worshiping God. Remember that in the times of old, music was one of the ways Kings subdued the spirit of depression, and every other tormenting spirit. This means that spirits actually respond to sounds and atmospheres.

1 Samuel 16:23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

So therefore, whenever you find it difficult connecting to God, look for how to condition your environment first before conditioning your mind to focus on God. In our modern age you don't need to be a king before you listen to good melodies that can lift or relieve your spirit man. All you need is

the right tools and sounds or music. Not every music is suitable for conditioning an atmosphere. You must find that which you know will help you. This is the reason why it is good to go to church, crusades, gospel retreats and worship feasts. That's how you can find and know the right songs that synchronizes with your spirit man. These days it is easy to download, put a song on replay and on any devices that have the power to condition your atmosphere, whenever you find it difficult trying to focus in the place of personal fellowship with God.

In this book, we didn't talk much about avoiding atmospheres that do not glorify God. But it is simple to note that if you want to be a son of God, then you must understand the Power of Sonship (*Get my FaithBook: The Power of Sonship*). Without understanding Sonship you can't be able to avoid ungodly atmospheres. And it would be difficult to express your love for God in such atmospheres. Worship is a place of expressing your love for God. This is what spirit and truth entails. The Spirit of the law of Worship demands these two things from a man's atmosphere in order to have any genuine dealings with the power of God. Angels by default are designed to be worshipers. And so it is easy for them to express the power of God. Why? Because their purposes; all their actions, duties, obligations, works, and whatever they do, always carries the atmosphere for the expression of reverencing and honoring God.

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Revelation 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

# THE KNOWLEDGE OF WORSHIP

Worship is a system that commands your service to God and this service can come in different forms. It involves several activities; But the most fundamental or basis is that it begins with surrendering to God. It is easy to say you love God, but when it comes to surrendering it takes a different toll on you. It is easier to submit to a man in authority than to submit to God, because God is under no authority. God Almighty is the end point for all powers and that is why the Bible records that God answers to nobody.

**Isaiah 44:6** Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

The obedience to the ordinances of God which are also the ordinances of heaven; centered around Christ, is the most difficult decision anybody could take in life. Although they make it seem causal, that is why we have many Christians without the HolySpirit's leadership. Yes! The significance of the HolySpirit in an individual is the fact that the soul of that man is lifted up only to the full awareness of the knowledge of God. And once this happens, that knowledge begins to look for many expressions through the man's life. This is what births integrity, humility and simplicity in the works of a man on earth.

Habakkuk For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Knowledge was to be man's way of growth, advancement, and dominion. So even though the evolution of man-kind has been corrupted, it doesn't change the fact that the earth can only survive because the knowledge of the glory of God is covering it. Though it will take time and process, the technology that we enjoy today are as a result of the deposit of God's glory knowledge from the foundations of the world. Technology was part of the systems ordained by God from the beginning, designed as part of man's system of dominion over the earth realm. One of the reasons why the tower

of babel was destroyed, was because the people were trying to jump the process of time, to discover what was way beyond the technological knowledge of man at that particular era. "It is just like moving a child in primary school into final year university because the child desires to be a graduate immediately". Life has processes and there are some processes that will take several generations to be birthed (*See Genesis 11*). The truth is that, when processes are jumped, there's bound to be disaster. If the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do. If they had succeeded in building the tower, it would have only resulted in more deaths and what God wanted at that time was multiplication. Remember that God is the father of all spirits. And every discovery on earth is backed by a spirit. It is the spirit that drives a man or that drives men. Remember also that the Bible records the technology of men at that era. This was the extent of the glory of God's knowledge revealed as at that time.

Genesis 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.

God is the one who regulates the discoveries of men, because there are certain discoveries not meant for certain generations, especially when it would lead to the total annihilation of those generations. God has always been interested in preserving mankind that was why Cain didn't die although received a punishment worse than death. When the Bible talks about the knowledge of God's glory manifesting on earth, it also refers to the technological advancement of mankind. The only issue is that the devil uses men to corrupt such advancement whenever they are discovered; So that rather than men worshiping God the revealer, they begin to worship their discoveries or creations.

The knowledge of the glory of God is expressed in the degrees of light that floods the heart of a man or the hearts of men. This is why science and scientists can't explain every phenomenon or get all the answers to creation. There are things beyond their reach, and that is as a result of the degree of light they are given access to by God. Note, you cannot discover what the ordinances of heaven has not permitted. This is the reason why many will now tend to seek the ordinances of the devil, because they desire to discover a knowledge that is not of God.

As a believer, all you need is God's perspective. Infinite revelation knowledge of mysteries is understood when one has a strong relationship with God. And every relationship is knowledge based. How much you know of God and how much you know by God. So then, enlightenment can never be

your problem. Because every discovery made by you will always be dedicated back to God as the source.

Knowledge is the basis of the operations of spirits. So therefore it won't be complete to have the knowledge of worship without the spirit of worship.

# The Spirit of Worship

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Galatians 5:22-22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

How do we discern worship? How does it impact a man's spirit? And what does it create in a man's life? These are the questions we will answer in this same chapter.

Worship is a process that takes one through different stages of glory in God's realm. And one of the ways a man can discern these transition stages is by the understanding that comes from having the fruit of the spirit "Joy". A worshiper is one that must find a way to be pleased with God at all times. So, worship can be said to be first discerned from the presence of the fruits of the Spirit in a man. Jesus explained that fruits are how you know the root (source) "The Spirit of Truth". So then, **you can't hide truth away from the fruit.** Matthew 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Worship has to be from the spirit, because according to *Romans 8:8* you cannot please God in the flesh. There are certain things that worship does to the Spirit of a man; one of which is laying the path of spiritual mindedness. It is on this basis of spiritual mindedness that one can produce spiritual fruits. This means, if you are not conscious of the HolySpirit you can never bear fruits. The power and ability to be a worshiper comes from your obedience to the voice of the Spirit of God. This also means that you do not only live in the spirit, you also walk in the spirit. And by walking, you produce the fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The scripture also says; walk in the spirit and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. There are several times that believers find themselves struggling or juggling between the fruits of the Spirit and the fruits of darkness. It is wrong and there can only be one expression in a man's life. Usually over time that expression is established (comes to light). This is why if you continue on the path of worship to God,

you will never find yourself on any other path of worship. What this means is that; nothing takes the place of God in the life of a worshiper, nothing attaches itself to the heart of that believer.

Worship ensures that a man is fully safe from the vanities of life no matter the height he/she reaches in life. It is the system by which God is acknowledged in all our affairs.

# Chapter 10

# **PATTERNS OF WORSHIP**

Worship was designed to be an inspiration to man. The place where a man is called up to reason at the frequency of the mind of divinity. It is what brings men before the throne of God to obtain mercy. The power of worship as we have uncovered so far, comes from the consistency of the heart or we can say a consistent pattern of worship from the heart; tending to be a man's consecration.

As a believer it is necessary that you find a pattern of service (consecration) to God. Patterns don't break when they become a legacy. People are so bothered about fighting negative patterns throughout their days on earth that they forget to build and create godly patterns that will lay the foundation of light for a new generation. Sometimes it is new patterns that break old patterns. Learn to focus on the thoughts of God, because that is how you create new patterns of life. Remember God's thoughts are of good; giving you a future. Some of the patterns derived in the art of worship have several expressions but all inclined to the same purpose "Adoration".

**Psalms**: Psalms are a collection of religious songs or hymns found in the biblical book of Psalms. They are often recited or sung during worship services and are a means of expressing devotion, gratitude, and praise to God.

**Hymns**: Hymns are religious songs that are sung as a form of worship. They often contain theological messages and are used to express faith, devotion, and adoration towards God. Hymns are commonly sung in congregational settings during religious services.

**Praise**: Praise refers to the act of expressing admiration, thanksgiving, and reverence towards God. It can be conveyed through various means, including vocal expressions, singing, clapping, and shouting. Praise is an integral part of worship and is often accompanied by musical instruments and joyful melodies.

**Prayer:** Psalms 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Giving**: Giving from a place of love is a symbol of worship that represents generosity. It is an act of offering one's resources, time, or talents to benefit others or support religious causes. Giving from love is seen as a way to express gratitude to God and demonstrate love for fellow human beings.

**Intercession**: Interceding for people is also a symbol of worship that involves praying on behalf of others. It is an act of selfless intercession, where individuals or communities lift up the needs, concerns, and well-being of others to God. Interceding for people is seen as a way to demonstrate compassion, empathy, and care for others, seeking divine intervention and blessings on their behalf.

**Honor** and **Humility**: This commands a selfless attitude that reflects a mindset of rendering a gift or service of value to someone. It involves putting the needs and interests of others before oneself, showing kindness, compassion, and fighting or standing in the gap for others. A selfless attitude which has no path with pride is seen as a way of emulating an example of bearing a responsibility to both God and men.

### THE LIFE OF WORSHIP

The expression of worship goes way beyond the gathering of the saints. It reaches out more to the life of an individual and transforms him/her into God's designed purpose and plan. Once a man is in God's plan he has no other choice apart from being with God and close to God at all times. This is why, it is impossible for a worshiper to backslide no matter how imperfect he/she may be. The life of worship simply means that you won't give up in your quest of pleasing God. Remember consistency is the key factor to stability "Once a generator noise is inconsistent, it means the power or energy generated will be transient and therefore inconsistent.

The world system has been structured in such a way that men tend to carry a transient behavior when it comes to their faith in God. And like the Bible says; without faith it is impossible to please God. So then, the path of displeasing God arises as a result of inconsistency in a man's faith; It is this inconsistency that the world forms as the natural order of life. Note, it is not the natural order for a believer to remain in the natural order of life. This was why Jesus Christ came, to show us a new order; And that order is not consistent with the flesh but it is consistent with the Spirit. And so, a true worshiper must ensure that his spirit never quenches. People give up easily, because the spirit in them have given up, people backslide because the spirit in them has backslided.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

So then, put your spirit together, strengthen your inner man, enlighten your spirit man, keep alive the hope of eternal life and you will never backslide. I didn't say you are perfect, but by following this, it will lead you through the road of perfection.

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Notice the order in Revelation 12:10- It says salvation has come, then it also says strength. This means after salvation comes the requirement for strength. Then, it is on the basis of this strength that the kingdom of God is expressed (or we can simply say stepping out for evangelism). And then also, it is on the basis of the kingdom of God that the power of Christ is revealed. So until you have the strength to step out, the power of Christ in you will remain dormant. Most believers fail because they lack strength. Strength is the energy that backs every expression in life. You need strength to love, to hate, to help, to succeed, to build, to manage, to save, to pray, to progress in life. Remove strength from these things of life and you will have a man without a life but alive. This is why the Psalmist understood the essence of the source of the strength of life.

Psalms 27:1 (A Psalm of David.) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The strength of life is derived from two angles; the pattern of worship is also driven by this two different angles known as the **conscious** angle and the **subconscious** angle of a man. The conscious angle talks about the part of a man's conscience that is always in check. This is where a man naturally forces himself to an awareness; a state of mind that keeps him going. And this is where motivation works. But when it comes to the subconscious angle, the true picture of a man's life is birthed. This is the autopilot mode of a man's life; This is exactly what his soul seeks.

The easiest way to understand the consciousness and subconsciousness of a man is through his heart and soul. Your heart is where the conscious decisions are taken, while the soul is where the subconscious decisions are made. For example; if you have an addiction problem and you want to come out of it. It means that, you have to factory reset your subconscious man (you have to reconfigure that subconscious nature of the soul). If that subconscious man is not handled properly, you will find it difficult breaking that addiction. And remember that the subconscious man is the autopilot mode of a man which brings him back to his original nature "addiction". The life of worship begins with these two qualities of a man's will. And there's nothing more dangerous than when a man loses his subconscious man, to the vials of darkness, where high regard for the things of God becomes

casual to the man. Your subconscious man is where the power of worship comes out from. Because the subconscious can never hide "Pretend" but the Conscious man can pretend a lot. So, if you want to be a good judge of people, find out the state of their subconscious man, find out what their soul is drawn to, find out what extent they are willing to go if no one is watching them.

The subconscious nature of a man is groomed over time. The art of worship must stand the test of time. Note, when you start serving God, do not be more concerned with the beginning of your service, rather be more concerned with the latter of your service. Because it is the latter that makes you find out the state of your subconscious. Another key point to note is that, you shouldn't allow the pressures from outside to drive you, but rather the pressure from inside. Because it is the pressure from within that sustains a man to excellence. I have a lot more to say concerning this journey of the art of worship, but by the grace of God we shall cover it subsequent Faith-books.

# Conclusion

Have you ever wondered what worship really means? How it affects your life, your relationship with God, and your impact on the world? If so, you are not alone. Worship is one of the most important and misunderstood aspects of the Christian faith. In this book, I have tried to shed some light on the art of worship, and to show you how you can experience it in a deeper and more meaningful way.

My goal in writing this book was to help you discover the true nature, purpose, and benefits of worship, and to inspire you to worship God in spirit and in truth. I also wanted to challenge you to overcome the obstacles and distractions that hinder your worship, and to create an atmosphere of worship in your personal and communal life. Along the way, I shared with you some insights and stories from the Bible, from history, and from my own journey of the understanding of worship.

In the first chapter, I introduced you to the concept of worship as a response to God's revelation of his jealousy, and as a way of expressing your devotion to Him. I also explained the importance of being careful of what receives your worship at every season of your life.

In the second chapter, I explored the fellowship aspect of worship, and how worship connects you with God and with other believers. I also discussed the role of fellowship in worship, and how it expresses God's glory.

In the third chapter, I delved into the purpose in worship, and how worship aligns your mind with God's mind to be as one. I also showed you how worship can bring you closer to God at all times, and how it can help you grow in your faith, character, and ministry.

In the fourth chapter, I revealed the reality of worship, and how the spirits respond to worship. I also talked about worship not just being something you do, but something you are . I taught about the heart posture of a man's heart towards worship.

In the fifth chapter, I highlighted the benefits of worship, and how worship can bless you, heal you, and change you. I shared exponentially on 3 key benefits that worship establishes in ama.

In the sixth chapter, I took you on a journey back to the worship of old, and how worship has evolved and changed throughout history. I also compared and contrasted the worship of the Old and the fundamentals of its expression.

In the seventh chapter, I identified the obstacles of worship, and how to overcome them. I also warned about some of the dangers of obstacles that can affect your worship life, and how to avoid them.

In the eighth chapter, I moved into the atmosphere of worship, and how to create and maintain a conducive environment for worship. I also gave you some practical tips and tools on how to prepare your heart, your mind, and your body for worship, and how to enhance your worship experience.

In the ninth chapter, I looked at the knowledge of worship, and how to increase your understanding and appreciate worship better. I also showed the essence of God's word and how the Word of God plays a major role in your worship life, and also how to learn from other worshipers and leaders.

Also in the ninth chapter, I dove deep into the spirit of worship which comes after the knowledge of worship, and how to worship God with the drive of the spirit and not the flesh. .

In the tenth chapter, I took a comprehensive look at the patterns or forms of worship, and how to choose and use the best ones for your situation and preference. I also introduced you to some of the most common and popular forms and methods of worship, and how to adapt and innovate them through the guidance of the HolySpirit.

And finally, in the eleventh chapter, I ended with an extensive look into the life of worship, and how it begins with a consciousness which we tried to establish from chapter 1-10.. I also showed you how to integrate worship into your subconscious nature, and how to influence and impact others with your worship.

Each chapter builds up to the essence of the life of worship, and it talks about the structure of the inner man when it comes to the art of worship. I hope that by reading this book, you have gained a deeper and richer understanding of what worship is, why it matters, and how to do it well.

But more than that, I hope that this book has ignited a passion and a desire in your heart to worship God like never before. I hope that this book has inspired you to pursue God with all that you are, and to experience His presence, His power, and His love in a new and fresh way.

So what are you waiting for? Don't let this book be the end of your journey, but the beginning of a new adventure. Don't let this book be the last word on worship, but the first step to a deeper and more intimate relationship with God.

I invite you to join me and millions of other worshipers around the world in the art of worship. I invite you to discover the joy, the peace, and the freedom that come from worshiping God in spirit and in truth. I invite you to become a true worshiper, and to live a life of worship by the help of the HolySpirit.

If you want to learn more about worship, or if you want to share your feedback, your questions, or your testimonies, please visit my website at <a href="www.faithcampaigner.com">www.faithcampaigner.com</a>. You can also follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, where I post regularly about other topics as relates to the faith.

Thank you for reading this book, and thank you for choosing to embark on this journey with me. Your support and interest in "The Art of Worship" mean the world to me. I am honored and humbled to share with you what God has revealed to me. I hope this book will bless you, challenge you, and transform you.

May God bless you, and may He receive all the glory, honor, and praise from your worship. Amen."

2 Corinthians 13:142: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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