

Luke 1: 8-10

**Dancing With God:
The Sweet Aroma of Worship**

Once when Zecharaiah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priest-hood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

1. Why Worship Is Important



Ex. 4:23 [Yahweh to Pharaoh] I said to you, “Let my son go *that he may worship me.*” But you refused to let him go...

Ex. 7:16 Say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, “Let my people go, *so that they may worship me* in the wilderness.”’

Ex. 8:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: Let my people go, *so that they may worship me.*’”

Ex. 8:20 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: Let my people go, *so that they may worship me.*’”

Ex. 9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews: Let my people go, so *that they may worship me.*’

Ex. 9:13‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews: Let my people go, so *that they may worship me.*’

Ex. 10:3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so *that they may worship me.*’

Ex. 12:31 Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD, as you said.”

Eph: 1: 11. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, *might be for the praise of his glory.*

2. What Worship Does



*“What kind of egotistical God is it that
demands our worship?”*

God is...



LIFE ITSELF

LOVE ITSELF

GOODNESS ITSELF

BEAUTY ITSELF

- **experience the sweet presence of God**
- **find that spiritual things become REAL**
- **find that your problems get smaller**
- **discover a power for godly living → living in love as Christ loved you.**
- **experience profound peace and joy**
- **experience healing**
- **experience unity in the corporate body**

3. How to Worship



1. Words and Songs Throughout the Day

2. Set Apart Times, Individual and Corporate

The Focus

The Passion

The Use of Your Body

Your voice

lifting hands

clapping hands

dancing

kneeling

laying prostrate