

# more than music

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WORSHIP





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# what is worship?

**True** worship is...

*“When we set our mind’s attention and our heart’s affection on the Lord praising him for who he is and for what he has done.”*

-Dr. Bruce Leafblad

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”*

Romans 12:1 NLT

**True** worship is NOT

...about you or me

...limited to music or at church.

...extrabiblical

...a feeling

...accepted by God if it is improper

or idolatrous

# why do we worship?

**WE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP OUR CREATOR  
WE ARE COMMANDED TO WORSHIP OUR CREATOR**

SEVEN HEBREW WORDS FOR PRAISE

## ***Yadah***

To revere or worship with extended hands; to hold out the hands; to throw a stone or arrow

## **Halal**

To boast; to rave; to shine; to celebrate; to be clamorously foolish

## ***Zamar***

To make music; to celebrate in song and music; to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument

## ***Towdah***

An extension of the hand; thanksgiving; a confession; a sacrifice of praise; thanksgiving for things not yet recieved; a choir of worshippers

# why do we worship?

## ***Barak***

To kneel; to bless God (as an act of adoration);  
to praise; to salute; to thank

## ***Tehillah***

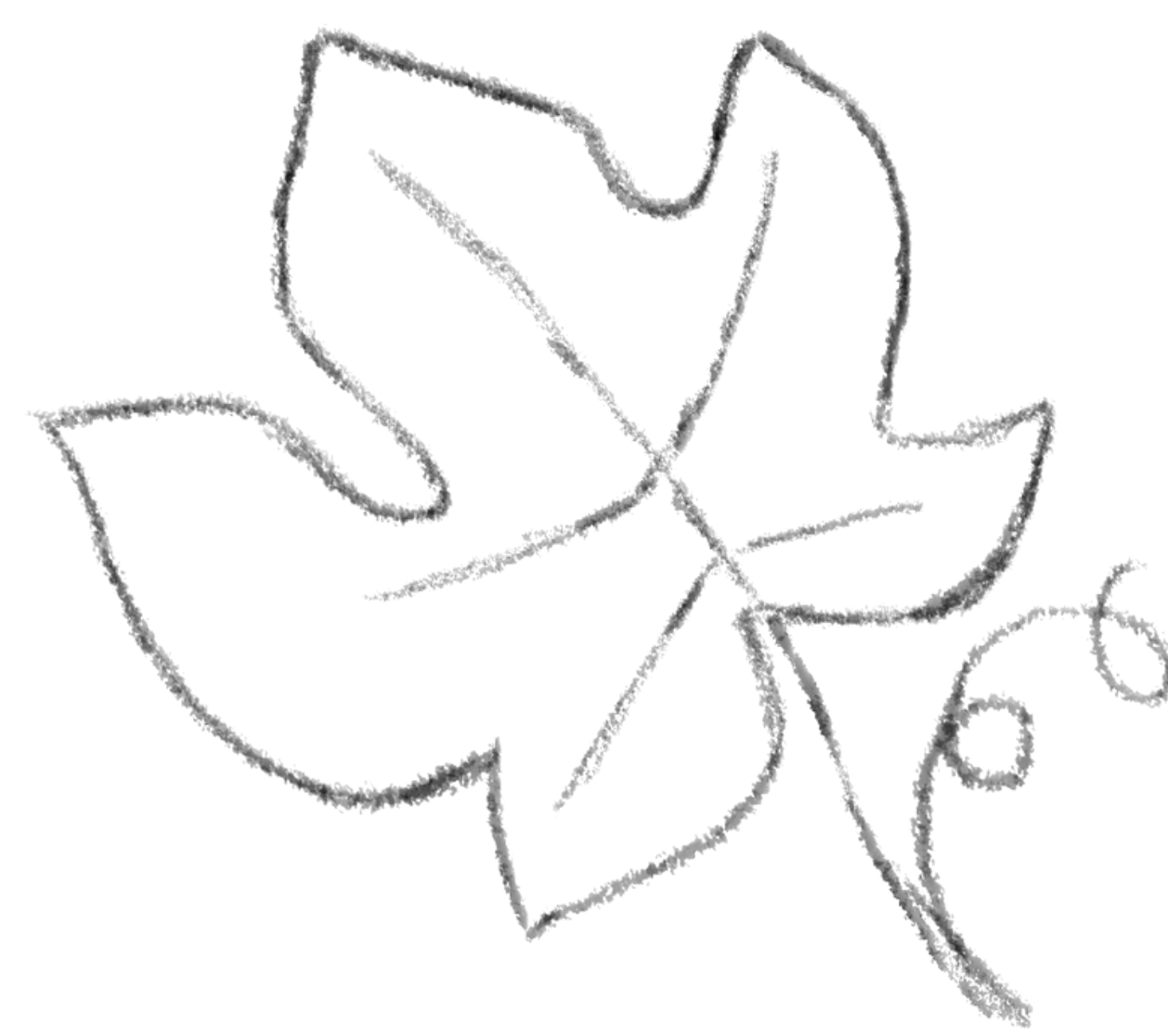
Laudation; a hymn; a song of praise; a new  
song; a spontaneous song

## ***Shabach***

To address in a loud tone; to shout; to  
commend glory and triumph



how do we worship?



**WE WORSHIP IN AND WITH OUR HOMES**

**WE WORSHIP IN REALTIONSHPIS**

**WE WORSHIP IN WORK**

**WE WORSHIP IN RECREATION**

**WE WORSHIP IN BOUNDARIES**

**WE WORSHIP IN OUR TIME WITH JESUS**

**WE WORSHIP IN REST**



# acts prayer model



## **ADORATION**

Praise God for all that He is

*“I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.”*

Psalm 116:1-2

*“This God-his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.”*

Psalm 18:30

## **CONFESSION**

Confess your sin and ask to be forgiven

*“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power and it is working.”*

James 5:16



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*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

1 John 1:9

## **THANKSGIVING**

Thank God for all He has done, is doing, and will do in your life

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”*

Psalm 107:1

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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## SUPPLICATION

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

Philippians 4:6

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16



# application

Read over the lyrics below. Slowly, quietly ask the Holy Spirit to help still your heart. Invite Jesus into this time.

## so will i (100 billion x)

*God of creation  
There at the start  
Before the beginning of time  
With no point of reference  
You spoke to the dark  
And fleshed out the wonder of light  
And as You speak  
A hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form  
If the stars were made to worship, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've made  
Every burning star  
A signal fire of grace  
If creation sings Your praises, so will I*

*God of Your promise  
You don't speak in vain  
No syllable empty or void  
For once You have spoken  
All nature and science  
Follow the sound of Your voice*

*And as You speak*

*A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You say  
Every painted sky  
A canvas of Your grace  
If creation still obeys You, so will I*

*So will I*

*So will I*

*If the stars were made to worship, so will I*

*If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I*

*If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I  
For if everything exists to lift You high, so will I  
If the wind goes where You send it, so will I  
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I  
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy  
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times*

*God of salvation  
You chased down my heart  
Through all of my failure and pride*

*On a hill You created  
The Light of the world  
Abandoned in darkness to die*

*And as You speak  
A hundred billion failures disappear*

*Where You lost Your life so I could find it here  
If You left the grave behind You, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've done  
Every part designed in a work of art called love  
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I  
I can see Your heart, eight billion different ways  
Every precious one, a child You died to save  
And if You gave Your life to love them so will I  
Like You would again a hundred billion times  
But what measure could amount to Your desire?  
You're the One who never leaves the one behind*



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