

Why This Matters: **Worship**



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Questions we are going to ask....

1. Where do we see this in the bible?
2. Why does it matter?
3. How I do this well?



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Where do we see this in the bible?

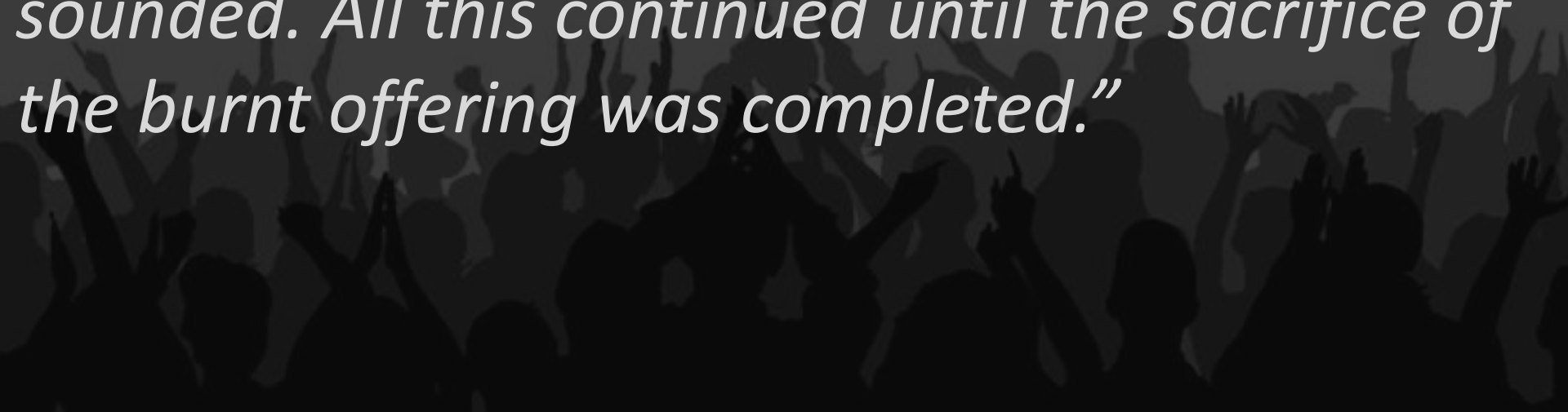
1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29

“He stationed the Levites in the temple of the LORD with cymbals, harps and lyres in the way prescribed by David and Gad the king’s seer and Nathan the prophet; this was commanded by the LORD through his prophets. So the Levites stood ready with David’s instruments, and the priests with their trumpets.

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Hezekiah gave the order to sacrifice the burnt offering on the altar. As the offering began, singing to the LORD began also, accompanied by trumpets and the instruments of David king of Israel. The whole assembly bowed in worship, while the musicians played and the trumpets sounded. All this continued until the sacrifice of the burnt offering was completed.”

A dark background featuring silhouettes of a large crowd of people with their hands raised in the air, suggesting a scene of worship or a concert.

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Where do we see this in the bible?

1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29

- What we have is the people of God gathering
- They played instruments, they sang, they offered sacrifices, they knelt, they worshiped



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Where do we see this in the bible?

1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29
2. Matt 26:30

“And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.”



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Where do we see this in the bible?

1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29

2. Matt 26:30

- Jesus and the disciples sang praises to God
- not alone, but together



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Where do we see this in the bible?

1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29
2. Matt 26:30
3. 1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

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Where do we see this in the bible?

1. 2 Chronicles 29:26-29
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3. 1 Peter 2:9
 - so that we may declare the excellencies of God



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2. Why does this matter?

- When we worship Jesus together, we allow him to...
 - shape us
 - communicate to us
 - All in a way that matures us as disciples



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“It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men. It is not of course the only way. But for many people at many times the 'fair beauty of the Lord' is revealed chiefly or only while they worship Him together. Even in Judaism the essence of the sacrifice was not really that men gave bulls and goats to God, but that by their so doing God gave Himself to men; in the central act of our own worship of course this is far clearer – there it is manifestly, even physically, God who gives and we who receive.”

CS Lewis

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We long to see God's people...

1. Renewed by God's Spirit
2. Realigned by His truth
3. Overwhelmed by God's Glory
4. Inspired to live for Jesus



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Let's ask the big question....SO WHAT

1. Come with a heart prepared to make God the purpose and center of our gathering
2. Expect the presence of God and know that he desires to meet with us
3. Engage your head AND heart in worship
4. Lose any attitude of "I want" and adopt the attitude of "God's desires"

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1 Colossians 1:15-20

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”