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## **Why We Worship: Thanksgiving Goes Before Praise**

### **A Thankful Spirit Is A Triumphant Spirit**

**Psalm 100** - *Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. <sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.*

### **Move God's People Physically And Emotionally Out Of The Mundane, Ordinary Realm And Into The Sacred**

### **An Invitation To Join In Israel's Witness And Countercultural Faith**

**Ezekiel 34:31** - *You are my flock, the sheep of my pasture. You are my people, and I am your God. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!*

### **A Way Of Life Necessary:**

- 1) Gather Other Sheep Into God's Fold.**
- 2) Represent God To The World.**

### **God's Goodness, His Covenant Of Love, And His Faithfulness To All Generations**

### **The Act Of Worship As Part Of A Deeper Relationship With God**

- 1) We Abandon The Restraints Of Civil Society.**
- 2) We Give Ourselves To The Emotions Of Intimacy With God.**

### **Our Worship Is The Emotion That The Lord Draws Out Of Us When We're Gripp'd By His Presence**

### **The Negativities Of The World Are Transformed By The Power Of God's Presence**

## **To Submit To God As Lord Means That We No Longer See Life Selfishly**

**Colossians 3:16-17** - *Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

## **Worship Leads To Service, And Sincere Service Is Worship**