



9 letters to 7 churches

4 letters to 3 individuals: Timothy, Titus, Philemon

#### Pauline Themes



Suffering and Perseverance	Worship	Joy	Discipleship	Grace
Return of Christ	Forgiveness	Holy Spirit	Adoption	Unity
Finding life	Love	Justification, Righteousness, Faith	Righteous Living	False teachers, apostacy











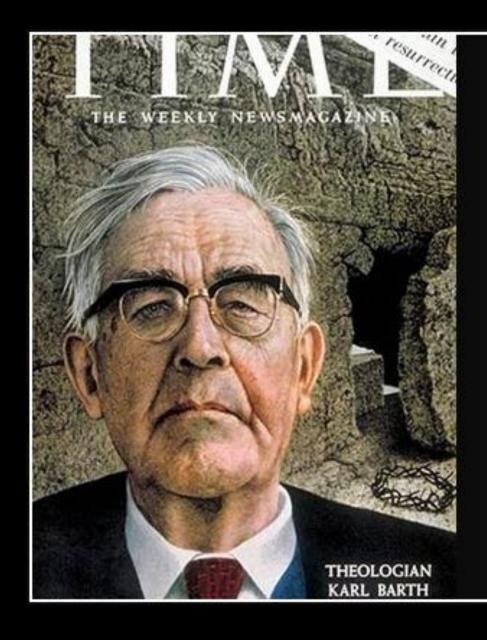


# Worship

Worship is the awed response to the saving acts and praiseworthy character of God.







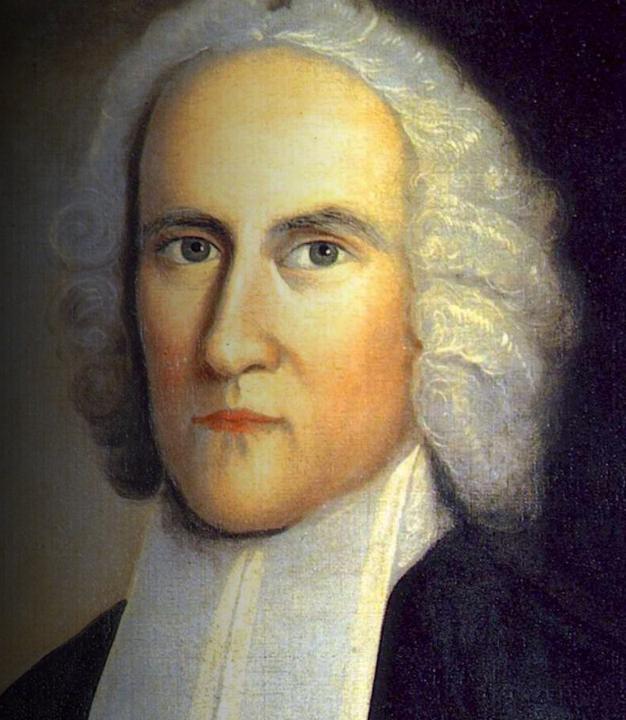
Christian worship is the most momentous, most urgent, most glorious action that can take place human life.

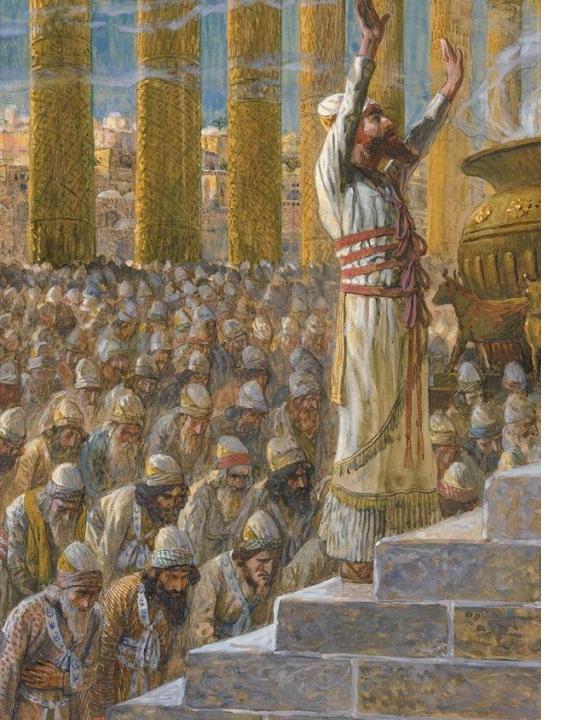
— Karl Barth —

AZ QUOTES

#### Jonathan Edwards

If man does not give his highest respect to the God that made him, there will be something else that has the possession of it. Men will either worship the true God, or some idol. It is impossible it should be otherwise; something will have the heart of man. And that which a man gives his heart to may be called his god.

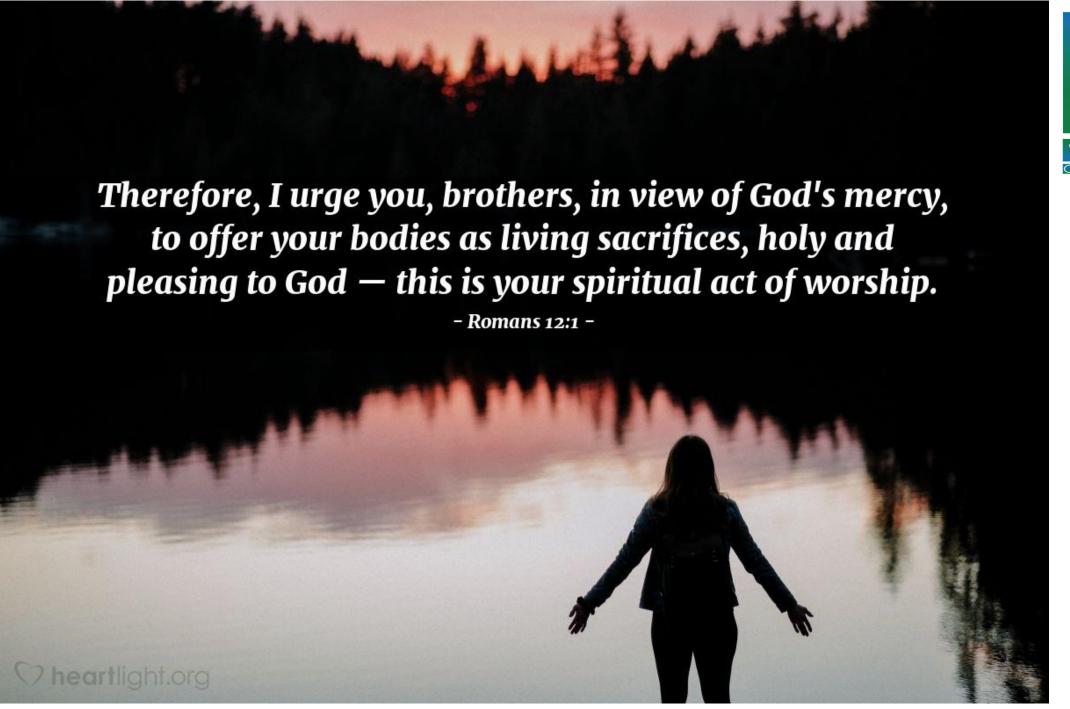




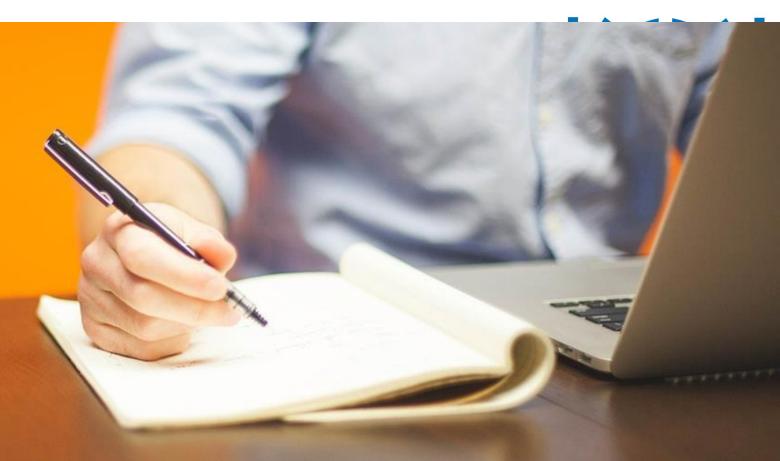
## Acts of Worship in the Old Testament



- Bringing an offering or sacrifice
- Bowing down in the presence of God
- Lifting up or exalting God with praise
- Celebrating, which may include singing
  - Hallelujah = "praise Yahweh"
- Serving God
- Corporate and individual, variety of locations







And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

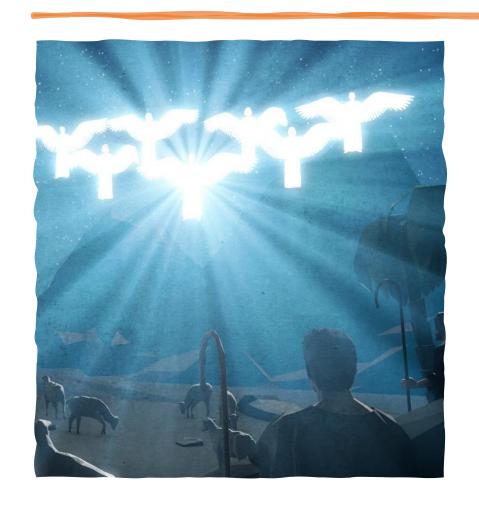
Colossians 3:17

### 1 Thessalonians 5

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

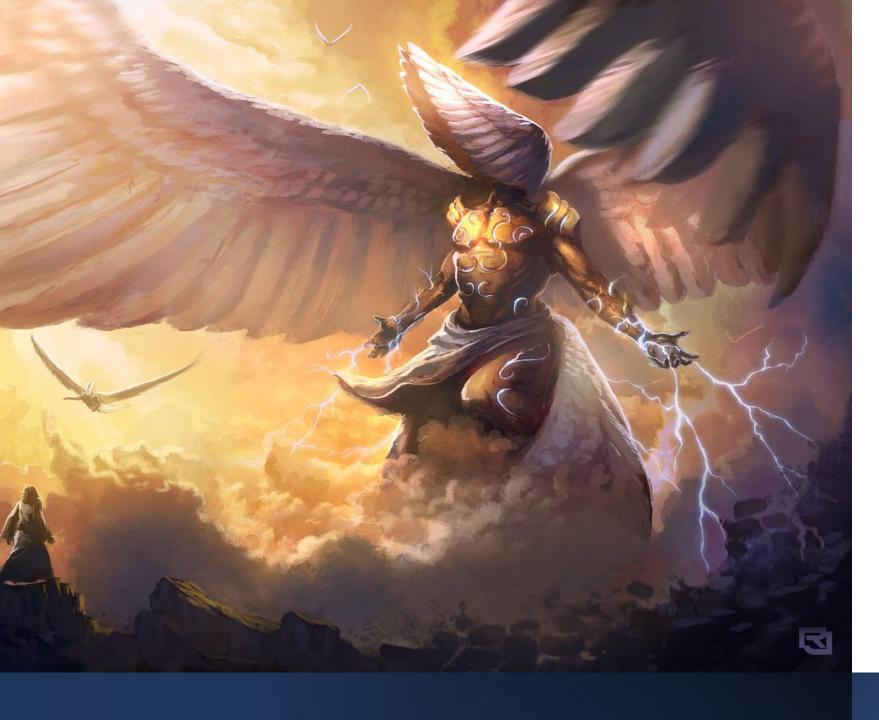


#### Hebrews 1:6



<sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."



#### Hebrews 12

(image from Isaiah 6)

<sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

### Philippians 3:3

<sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus...

COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

#### Colossians 2

<sup>20</sup> Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

### Worship at church: Acts 2

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



### Hebrews 13

<sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.





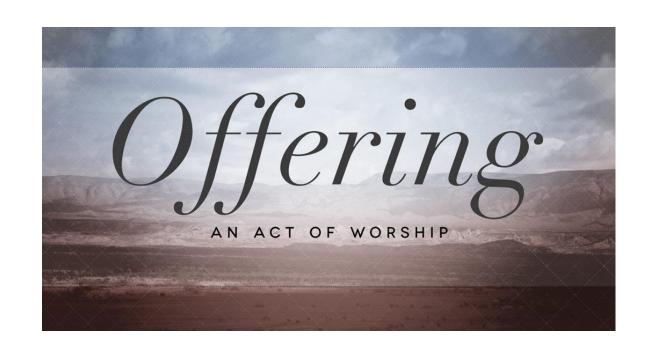
#### Ephesians 5

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Philippians 4

<sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Also, 2 Corinthians 8,9.



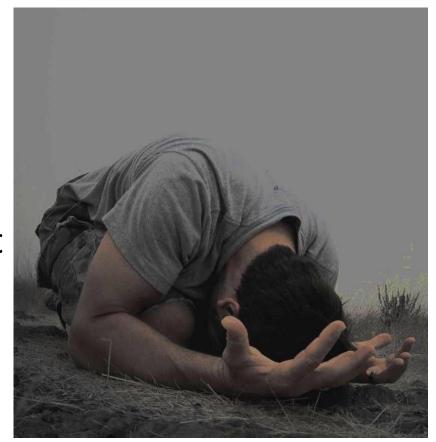
#### Orderly Worship: 1 Cor. 11-14



- Chapter 11
  - Head coverings for praying and prophesying (preaching) in the assembly
  - The Lord's Supper
- Chapter 12
  - Spiritual gifts
  - Unity and diversity in the body
- Chapter 13
  - Love
- Chapter 14
  - Intelligibility in Worship
  - Good order

#### 1 Corinthians 14

<sup>24</sup> But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying (proclaiming the word of the Lord), they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, 25 as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!" <sup>26</sup> What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.



#### Revelation 5



<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders... <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

#### Revelation 5 (continued)



<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

# Themes and Key Takeaways





