

# Rejoicing in Worship

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1 Pet. 1:3-9

- Cultural influences can leach the joy out of Christianity!
- People have become conditioned to instant gratification.
- Contentment depends upon ease, comfort and convenience.
- Changing worship, rather than attitude, drives the popular “church” mentality.

## Attitudes Which Can Destroy Worship

- Worship as only an obligation (Tit. 3:4-7).
- Worship as a ritual, or routine, in 5 acts (Jn. 4:23).
- Worship as a place to socialize (1 Cor. 11:20-22).
- Worship as entertainment, appealing to worldly desires (2 Tim. 4:3; 1 Jn. 2:16). (The worldly church)

## The Psalms Address Attitude

- With Love (26:8) “LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.”
- With Reverence (89:7) “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.”
- With Joy (95:1-2) Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.”
- With Holiness (96:9) “Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.”
- With Gladness (122:1) “I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."”

## The NT Addresses Attitude

- Joy in Hearing, and Obeying God’s Word Acts 2:41-42)
- Joy in Praying (Phil 4:4-7)
- Joy in Communion (Acts 20:7)

- Joy in Giving (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
- Joy in Singing (Jas. 5:13; Col. 3:16)

## Worship is Wise Use of Time

- Eph. 5:15-21 – Time is NOT renewable.
- Acts 2:41a, 46 “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized... So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart”
- Acts 20:7-11 “and continued his message until midnight ... and talked a long while, even till daybreak...”
- Mk. 6:34-35 “So he began to teach them many things. When the day was now far spent...” (the 5000)
- Lk. “But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

## Decision...

- Problems Solved by a Proper Attitude:
- Boredom, selfishness, sleeping, daydreaming...
- Late arrival, clock-watching...
- Dreading to come, can't wait to leave, absenteeism, bare minimum attendance...
- Hyper-criticism, hypocrisy, pride...
- Getting nothing out of worship...
- And the biggie, giving neither encouragement, edification, nor example for those who we hope someday will take our places.