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¹PRaise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! —PSALM 111

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“THE PSALMIST HAS MADE UP HIS MIND THAT HE IS GOING TO WORSHIP THE LORD. IT IS THE RATIONAL, SENSIBLE RESPONSE OF A CREATURE TO THE CREATOR, OF THE REDEEMED TO THE REDEEMER. IT IS THE CHIEF END OF MAN. WE SHOULD BE TUNING UP OUR SOULS NOW FOR THE ENDLESS ANTHEMS OF THUNDEROUS PRAISE WITH WHICH WE SHALL ONE DAY MAKE THE COURTS OF HEAVEN RING.”
—J.B. PHILLIPS

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⁵MAY THE GOD OF ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT GRANT YOU TO LIVE IN SUCH HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER, IN ACCORD WITH CHRIST JESUS, ⁶THAT TOGETHER YOU MAY WITH ONE VOICE GLORIFY THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ⁷THEREFORE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.
—ROMANS 15:5-7

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**I. GATHERED WORSHIP ECHOES AND
ENGAGES THE PASSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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**¹⁵I KNOW YOUR WORKS: YOU ARE NEITHER COLD NOR HOT.
WOULD THAT YOU WERE EITHER COLD OR HOT!
¹⁶SO, BECAUSE YOU ARE LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER HOT NOR COLD,
I WILL SPIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH. —REVELATION 3:15-16**

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**“WHEN I WORSHIP, I WOULD RATHER MY HEART BE
WITHOUT WORDS THAN MY WORDS BE WITHOUT HEART.”
—LAMAR BOSCHMAN**

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**²⁴AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE
AND GOOD WORKS, ²⁵NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS
THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL
THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR. —HEBREWS 10:24-25**

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2. GATHERED WORSHIP EXPRESSES
FAITH THROUGH SHARED PRACTICES

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- **PREACHING**
REMEMBERING WHAT GOD
HAS SAID

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⁴FOR WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN IN FORMER DAYS
WAS WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTION,
THAT THROUGH ENDURANCE AND THROUGH
THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES
WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE. ⁵MAY THE GOD
OF ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT
GRANT YOU TO LIVE IN SUCH HARMONY WITH
ONE ANOTHER, IN ACCORD WITH CHRIST JESUS.
—ROMANS 15:4-5

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2. GATHERED WORSHIP
EXPRESSES FAITH THROUGH
SHARED PRACTICES

- **PREACHING**
REMEMBERING WHAT GOD
HAS SAID
- **SINGING**
CELEBRATING WHO GOD IS

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“IT MIGHT SEEM SOMEWHAT PECULIAR OR PERIPHERAL TO ARGUE THAT ONE CRUCIAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE RESURRECTION IS THAT CHRISTIANITY IS A SINGING FAITH. OTHER RELIGIONS HAVE CHANTS AND MEDITATIONS, BUT THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, CHRISTIANITY HAS SET A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CELEBRATORY, HAPPY SONG. THE REASON IS THAT, HAVING BEEN RESCUED BY SUPERABUNDANT GRACE AND UNITED TO A RESURRECTED AND TRIUMPHANT CHRIST, THE CHRISTIAN CANNOT BUT ADOPT A POSTURE OF GRATEFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE VICTORY OVER DEATH THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SECURED.” —CHRISTOPHER WATKIN

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“A CHURCH’S SONGS ARE NOT A MERE PREAMBLE TO THE SERMON. SINGING IS NOT FILLER TIME TO WARM UP THE CONGREGATION. SINGING IS A HOLY PRACTICE. WE SING BECAUSE GOD HAS COMMANDED US, AND OUR SONGS SHOULD FILL OUR HEARTS WITH DELIGHT.”
—MATT BOSWELL

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‘MY HEART IS STEADFAST,
O GOD! I WILL SING AND
MAKE MELODY WITH ALL
MY BEING! ²AWAKE, O HARP
AND LYRE! I WILL AWAKE THE
DAWN! ³I WILL GIVE THANKS
TO YOU, O LORD, AMONG THE
PEOPLES; I WILL SING PRAISES
TO YOU AMONG THE NATIONS.
⁴FOR YOUR STEADFAST LOVE
IS GREAT ABOVE THE HEAVENS;
YOUR FAITHFULNESS
REACHES TO THE CLOUDS.
—PSALM 108:1-4

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LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY,
TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM,
SINGING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS,
WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD. —COLOSSIANS 3:16

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1OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD,
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!
2LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO,
WHOM HE HAS REDEEMED FROM TROUBLE. —PSALM 107:1-2

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**3. GATHERED WORSHIP
EMPHASIZES GOD'S GRACIOUS
WORK OF REDEMPTION**

• **ELICITS REVERENCE**

"CORPORATE WORSHIP IS
DESIGNED TO REMIND YOU THAT
THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS IS A
GLORIOUS AND GRACIOUS KING,
AND THIS KING IS NOT YOU."
—PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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**3. GATHERED WORSHIP
EMPHASIZES GOD'S GRACIOUS
WORK OF REDEMPTION**

- **ELICITS REVERENCE**
- **PRODUCES OBEDIENCE**

"AS WORSHIP BEGINS IN HOLY
EXPECTANCY, IT ENDS IN HOLY
OBEDIENCE. HOLY OBEDIENCE
SAVES WORSHIP FROM BECOMING
AN OPIATE, AN ESCAPE FROM THE
PRESSING NEEDS OF MODERN
LIFE." —RICHARD FOSTER

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**... WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US TO REDEEM US
FROM ALL LAWLESSNESS AND TO PURIFY FOR HIMSELF
A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION WHO ARE
ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS. —TITUS 2:14**

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**3. GATHERED WORSHIP
EMPHASIZES GOD'S GRACIOUS
WORK OF REDEMPTION**

- **ELICITS REVERENCE**
- **PRODUCES OBEDIENCE**
- **FUELS ENDURANCE**

"TO WORSHIP IS TO QUICKEN THE CONSCIENCE TO THE HOLINESS OF GOD, TO FEED THE MIND WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD, TO PURGE THE IMAGINATION BY THE BEAUTY OF GOD, TO OPEN THE HEART TO THE LOVE OF GOD, TO DEVOTE THE WILL TO THE PURPOSE OF GOD." —WILLIAM TEMPLE

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