



Fifteen Principles To Facilitate High Worship

An encounter with God normally involves five stages.

1. High Worship

If we fail to enter into high worship, we rarely move to the next stages. In many ways everything flows out of being able to first facilitate high worship. You enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise (*Psalms 100*). When Jesus gave His prayer pattern, it began with praise. Not everyone has been given a great voice or musical talent, but everyone can facilitate high worship.

2. Deep Repentance

The worship God seeks involves contrition, a broken and contrite heart, He will not despise (*Psalms 51*). When Isaiah entered high worship, he was led into deep repentance. Isaiah 6 becomes a prototype. The depth of our repentance is often contingent on the height of our worship.

3. Forgiveness of Sin and Freedom from Strongholds

4. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

5. Empowered for Ministry

1. Go For God

Always put the focus on God! Set your sights on Jesus.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

"Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name." Psalm 103:1

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5

2. Lead with Joy

"Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalm 100:4

"Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'" Nehemiah 8:10

3. Expect His Presence

We come in expectation without agenda.

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:8a

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**"*

Hebrews 11:6

4. Wait, Look, and Listen

Be sure to let God get out in front of you as you facilitate worship. There's a moment in every good praying meeting that the Holy Spirit comes and fills the sails and takes it to new heights.

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

5. Bring as Many as Possible with You; Maximize Participation

There are people within the gathering whom God wants to use to lead in corporate prayer. Identify them and call on them. We need to be bringing people along into the times of intercession.

"Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3

6. Think Outside the Box

Get new ideas while you're praying. Be willing to step out in faith and do something you've never done before.

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

7. Look for Breaker Anointing

The Messiah is the one who breaks through, and He has given some people that breaker-anointing to do the same. Often what we do in the physical realm affects the spiritual realm. Feel free to be creatively demonstrative.

"One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the LORD at their head." Micah 2:13

8. Follow Contrition

Always give preference to the spirit of contrition. It's a key part of moving from high worship to deep repentance. When one person leads out in a prayer of repentance, encourage others to pray along the same lines. As a facilitator, it is your responsibility to hold the moment, keeping people in the mindset of repentance.

"Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." Psalm 51:11

God delights in a broken and contrite heart (*Psalm 51:17*).

"For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" Isaiah 57:15

9. Welcome His Love

Always welcome the love of God. The antidote for religious spirits is the Father love of God. Religion is designed to provide an alternative to the grace of God. We don't need to attack religiosity or witchcraft head on; instead we call on the love of the Father. Leading people to

a fresh encounter with the love of God will often unlock doors and create an environment of greater vulnerability.

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:5

"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." 2 Chronicles 20:21b

10. Bind and Loose

In the middle of worship, binding and loosing can move the group to the next level. When you encounter hindrances within the meeting, immediately bind them and loose the antidote. Don't fixate on the negative.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:18

11. Claim His Promises

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

12. Keep the Updraft

Go as far as you can in worship and repentance. Don't worry about the teaching time. Keep the locomotive of worship going. Even during times of ministry and prayer, do things to keep the focus and praise on God. Worship maintains an antiseptic environment in which God can do surgery on lives. During repentance, we need to worship more than ever. Go from strength to strength, from glory to glory, and from fullness to fullness. Keep receiving. We don't pray out; we pray up.

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18

13. Empower Others

Have a team of 4-6 people sitting near you that you meet with beforehand for prayer, people who want to learn to facilitate a God-encountering prayer environment. Then debrief with afterwards. Talk them through what God is doing.

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:7

"What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church." 1 Corinthians 14:26

14. Pour Out the Oil

Do it demonstratively, literally and liberally. It all goes back to God. There is no limit to what God can do through us if we give Him all the glory.

"For yours is the kingdom and power and the glory forever." Matthew 6:10

15. Follow the Lord's Prayer Pattern

Use it...follow it. Stay in each section until He moves us to the next part. Our first assignment is worship. Stay in worship until He releases you.

"This is the kind of worship God is looking for, in Spirit and in truth."