

GLOBAL CELEBRATION

Suzhou International Fellowship



Week 1: Global Worship

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COMMANDMENTS

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind'. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39

COMMISSION

In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. John 17:18

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't.”

John Piper

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for **they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks**. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.*

John 4:23-24

The LORD is pleased only with those who worship him and trust his love.

Psalm 147:11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10

What pleases the Lord?

1) He is pleased when we love Him supremely

2) He is pleased when we trust Him completely.

He takes pleasure in those that honor Him; in those who trust in His constant love.

Psalm 147:11

Now without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6

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- 2) He is pleased when we trust Him completely.
- 3) He is pleased when we obey him wholeheartedly.

We please God by what we do and not only by what we believe. James 2:24

If you love me, you will obey my commands. John 14:15

What pleases the Lord?

- 1) He is pleased when we love Him supremely
- 2) He is pleased when we trust Him completely.
- 3) He is pleased when we obey him wholeheartedly.
- 4) We please God when we praise and thank him continually.

Praising and thanking Him continually:

*Through Jesus, therefore, let us **continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise**—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.*

Hebrews 13:15

*I will offer to Him the **sacrifice of thanksgiving**, and will **call upon the name of the LORD.***

Psalm 116:17

Praising and thanking Him continually:

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD...

Psalm 69:30-31

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Psalms 150:6

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. 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!” 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!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelations 5:11-14

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After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Revelations 5:11-14

GOD LOVES MUSIC

1) The angels worship with music

Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Ezekiel 28:12-13

*I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: **seven angels** with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. **They held harps given them by God.***

Revelations 15:1-2

GOD LOVES MUSIC

- 1) The angels worship with music*
- 2) God asked His nation Israel to worship with music

*Then David assigned some of the Levites to the Chest of God to lead worship—to make petition, to give thanks, and to praise Lord the God of Israel. Asaph was in charge; under him were Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, who played the musical instruments. Asaph was on percussion. The priests Benaiah and Jahaziel blew the trumpets before the Chest of the Covenant of God **at set times through the day.***

I Chronicles 16:4-6

*He stationed the Levites in the temple of the Lord with cymbals, harps and lyres in the way prescribed by David and Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet; **this was commanded by the Lord through his prophets.***

II Chronicles 29:25

GOD LOVES MUSIC

- 1) The angels worship with music*
- 2) God asked His nation Israel to worship with music
- 3) God wants the church to worship with music

The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me.

Acts 20:24

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20