

Worship is central to the life and health of the Church, and it is so essential that we take seriously what it is and what happens when we do it.

Worship primarily flows from God to us, not the other way around

Remember that last week I said, "Praise is unidirectional, meaning Praise moves is one directional action. We praise God. He does not praise us. Well worship is much the same.

Worship is about God and is to God. We were created to have fellowship with God, we were created to imitate God on this earth and walk in the abundant life.

It is God who calls on men to worship him, it he who initiates it, it is he who gives us faith to do it. We then receive from God everything we get everything we need to succeed for God.

The purpose of worship is for God to renew us

Saints sometimes on this battlefield of life we get weary and worn. Sometimes some of the storms that we go through, makes us want to give up. But what we need is a refreshing, a pick me up a renewing. It is when we worship and praise God that things begin to change things for the better.

Psalm 23, God's restoration means that He brings us back to a state of new strength, vigor and eternal perspectives. When we allow the Lord to restore us, He rebuilds and repairs our exhausted nerves, worried mind and worn out bodies.

RESTORES THROUGH REVERENCE - When we worship the Lord He revives our heart as Jesus promised, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, (John 4:13,14,23,24). Allow the Lord to restore you emotionally, mentally and spiritually through worshiping the Lord.

When we worship God is renewing us. When we approach him as a congregation, we are, coming together corporately to seek our Heavenly Father for everything that we need.

Through this process, of being accepted, of hearing, of feasting, and of praising and worshipping God something wonderful happens, not only is He receiving our praise, but is renewing us individually and corporately week by week.

The Lord refuels us with new strength, energy and vitality every moment of the day. "They who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they will run and not be weary and walk and not faint." (Isa 40;31) Take time to replenish your mind with prayer, praise and worship.

When we worship God, we are spiritually in the throne room of God

In the book of Revelation, 5:11-14, we get a picture of what happens when we worship. The people of God on Earth worship together with the people of God in Heaven.

Paul also tells us that we are seated in the "Heavenly places" (Ephesians 2:6).

So what happens when we worship?

So, if we go to church, to be entertained, feel sentimental, or just put our time in, just to appease God then you will leave the way you were when you came into the church. But if we grasp what is really going on in worship, and we use it as an opportunity to be renewed, to worship God with robust, joyful worship and praise and seeing worship as our primary weapon. Then we can watch our mighty Father turn things around for us.