

# THE HIGH CALLING

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!

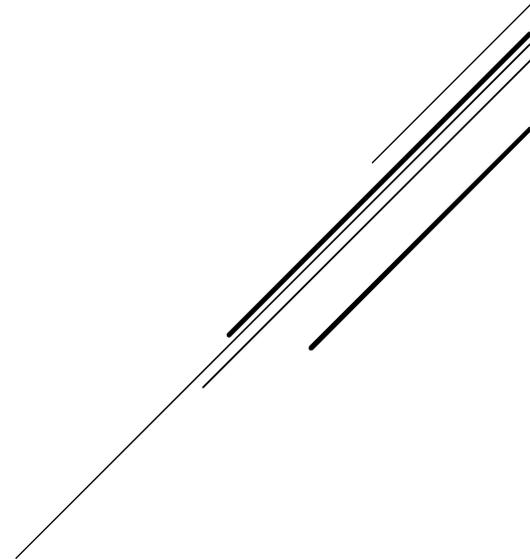
**Beauregard Worship Center**

**Praise & Worship Workshop 2016**



- ▶ Welcome to The High Calling Praise & Worship Workshop!
- ▶ In today's Workshop we will learn:
  - ▶ God's realm of praise & worship
  - ▶ The purposes of praise & worship
  - ▶ Personal & Corporate praise & worship
  - ▶ Applying faith to praise & worship
  - ▶ Personal Intimacy with God the Father
  - ▶ Your Important Role in praise & worship
  - ▶ The Elements of Praise & Worship
  - ▶ Putting it all into practice!

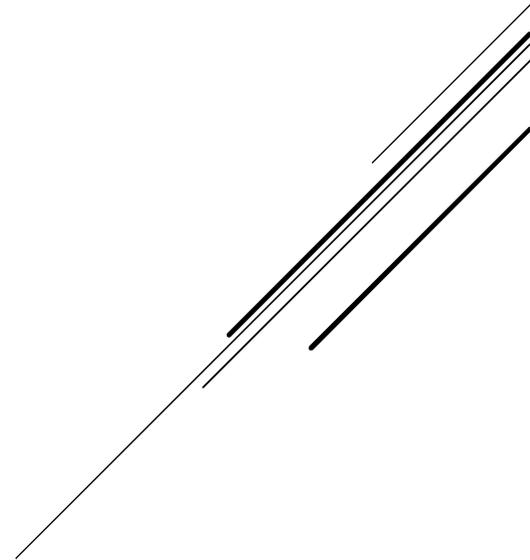
# AGENDA



- ▶ Everything in creation praises God. He created it that way because He is WORTHY of praise!
  - ▶ Psalm 19:1-4 “ *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*”(KJV)
- ▶ What is God's realm of worship? The universe, the third heaven and earth. Let's look closer at God's realm of worship!

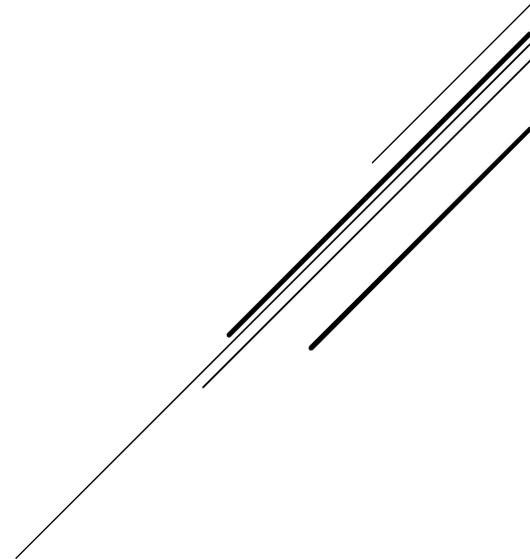
## GOD'S REALM OF WORSHIP

### THE UNIVERSE



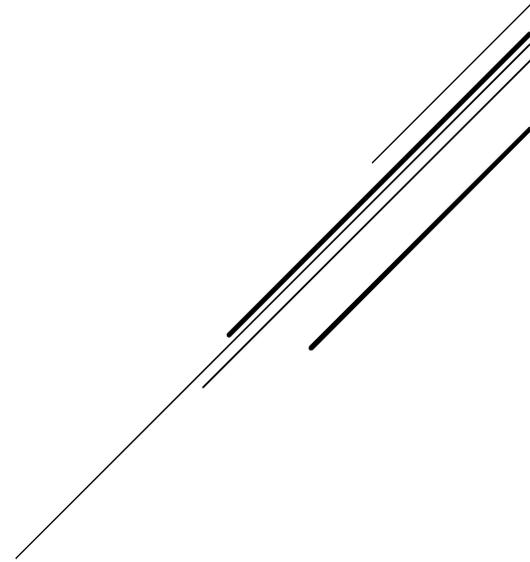
- ▶ All of Heaven worships Him every moment. There is non-stop praise happening in heaven.
  - ▶ **Let's read Revelation 4:2-11**
- ▶ **Who is praising God in heaven?**
  - ▶ **The Holy Angels are rejoicing around the throne**
  - ▶ **The 24 Elders are throwing down their crowns and falling on their faces shouting “HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME!**
  - ▶ **The Great Crowd of Witnesses – The saints gone before us and dancing and shouting and praising the God of gods, the King of kings and the Lord of lords!**

GOD'S REALM OF WORSHIP  
ALL OF HEAVEN



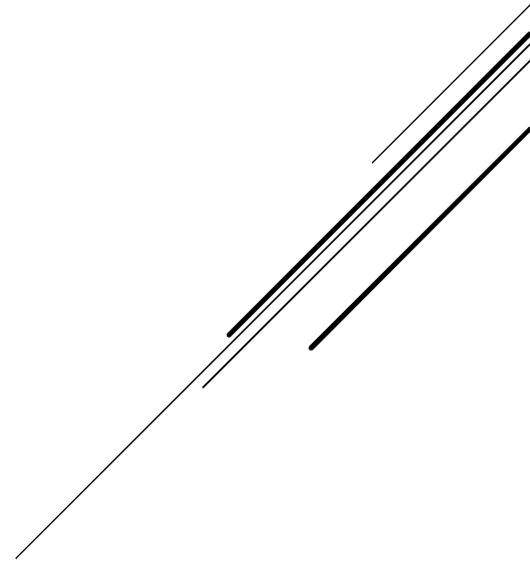
- ▶ The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. There is nothing in existence that does not have its origin in God. He truly is the Author and the Finisher of our faith—our very existence.
- ▶ Everything in nature praises God. Just look at the beauty of the earth and you can see God's handiwork!

## GOD'S REALM OF WORSHIP: THE EARTH



- ▶ As beautiful a song that all of the universe sings and all of heaven sings. As beautiful a song as nature sings to Him, it is the praise and worship of human beings on the earth that makes Him smile the most!
- ▶ Yes! YOUR praises and your worship are His favorite song!
- ▶ It is the FREEWILL OFFERINGS OF YOUR HEART THAT HE DESIRES THE MOST OF ALL HIS CREATION.
- ▶ Let's look at what makes Him smile the most:

## GOD'S REALM OF WORSHIP: PEOPLE



▶ He Longs for it!

- ▶ *The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, 6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! Psalms 113:4-6 (KJV)*

▶ He is Worthy of it!

- ▶ *I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalms 18:3 (KJV)*

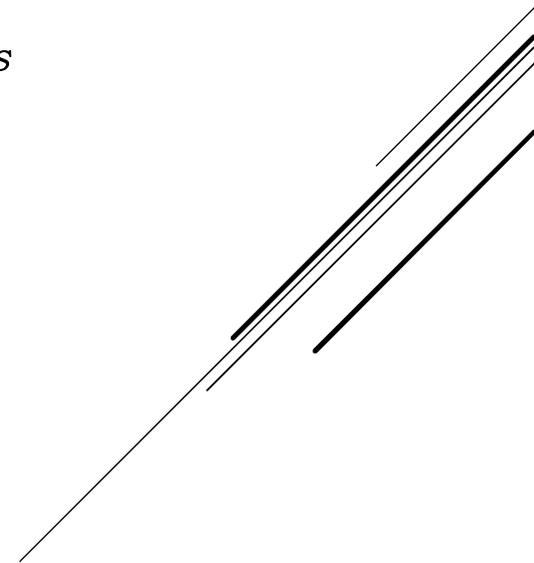
▶ He is Waiting for it!

- ▶ *For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? Deut 4:7 (KJV)*

▶ He Will Reward it!

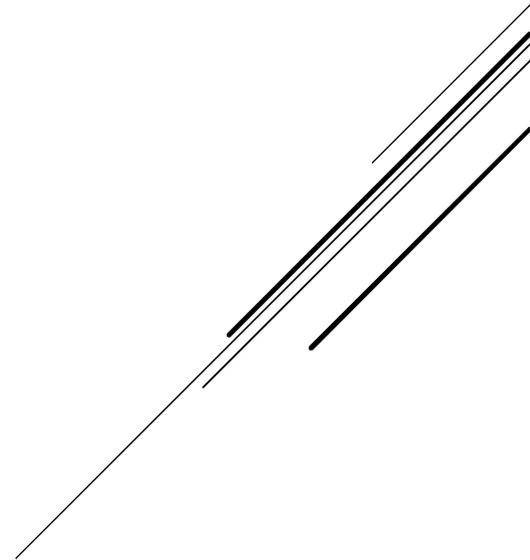
- ▶ *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Heb. 11:6)*

## GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP



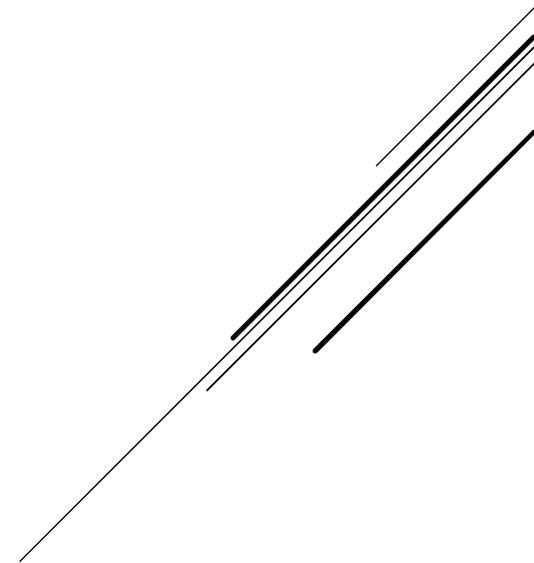
- ▶ What are the purposes of our praise & worship, both in our personal lives and in church?
- ▶ Let's look at a few of these purposes

## THE PURPOSES OF PRAISE & WORSHIP



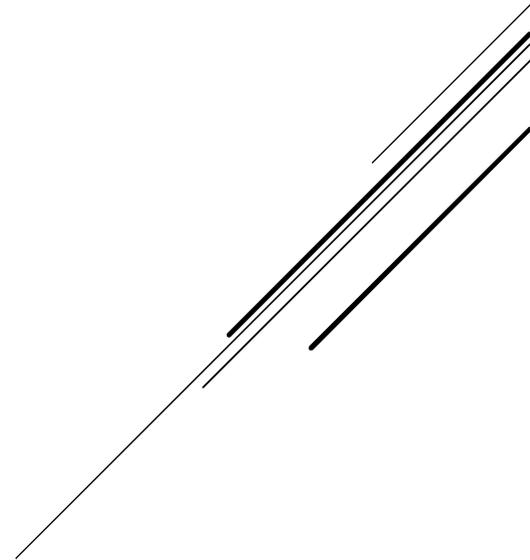
- ▶ We live in a fallen world that has tremendous pressures. It seems the closer we get to the Wedding Feast the more pressurized life gets! Jesus has overcome the world so we CAN live above the pressure if we know how to apply it to our lives.
  - ▶ *And He said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothed the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? Luke 12:22-28 (KJV)*

TO SHAKE OFF THE TROUBLES OF THE  
WORLD



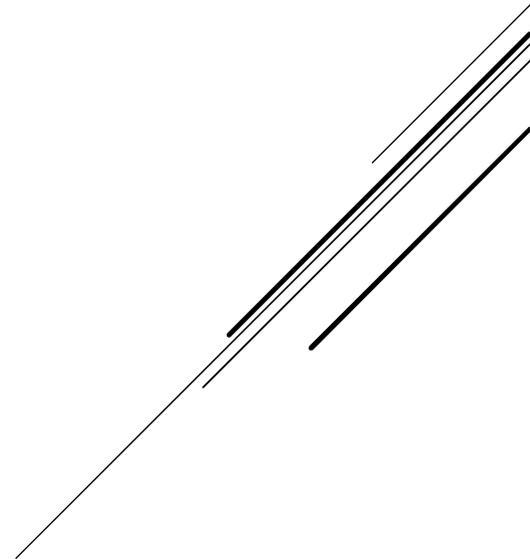
- ▶ How does it make you feel when your spouse gives you a big heart-felt hug? It makes you feel special and loved right? Praise and worship from the heart, is just that to our Father. He loves it!
- ▶ Not only that but it is the FIRST and most important commandment given to mankind...ever. To LOVE Him more than life itself.
  - ▶ *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: 5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might Deut. 6:4-5 (KJV)*

TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE TO HIM



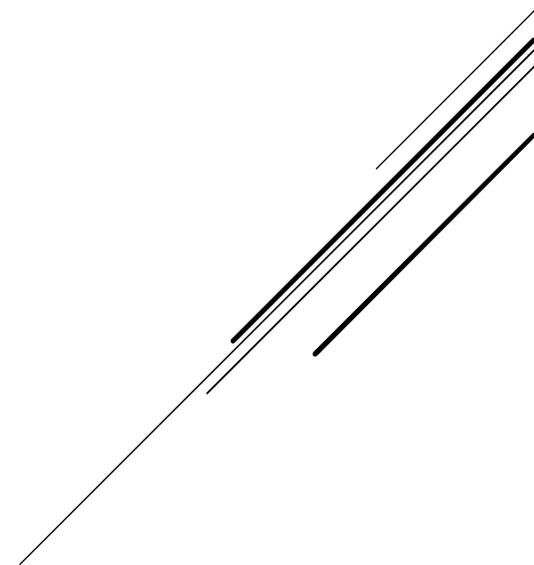
- ▶ Part of loving God is expressing that love in praise and worship. It is to be done in our personal lives and it is to be done within your local church. It is a critical part of the services here at BWC.
- ▶ We MUST touch the heart of God to bring the anointing on the Word of God being taught that day. This is how HE feels about YOU:
  - ▶ ***“You are all fair, My love, and there is no spot in you. Come with Me from Lebanon, My spouse, with Me from Lebanon....You have ravished My heart, My sister, My spouse; you have ravished My heart with one look of your eyes, with one link of your necklace. How fair is your love, My sister, My spouse! How much better than wine is your love, and the scent of your perfumes than all spices!”  
(Song of Solomon 4:7-10)***
- ▶ When we pour out our love for Him, it touches His heart. His heart is ravished!
- ▶ Touching the heart of God hinges on one critical factor: OBEDIENCE. Jesus said “if you LOVE Me, you will OBEY Me. Talk is cheap. True Love. God’s love—Agape, is all actions.
- ▶ Saying I love you to Jesus on Sunday morning after a night of drinking, drugging and promiscuous sex is NOT loving Jesus. Just sayin...

## TO TOUCH THE HEART OF GOD



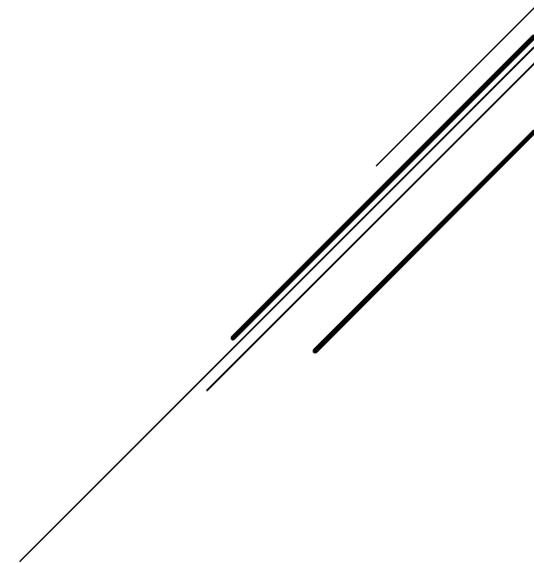
- ▶ One of the purposes of praise and worship is so God can impart blessings to us! He WANTS to heal, deliver and set free all of His children.
- ▶ Praise and worship releases the anointing that will break the yoke of bondage and bring us victory!
  - ▶ *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor 2:9 (KJV)*

TO RECEIVE BLESSINGS FROM GOD  
THROUGH THE ANOINTING



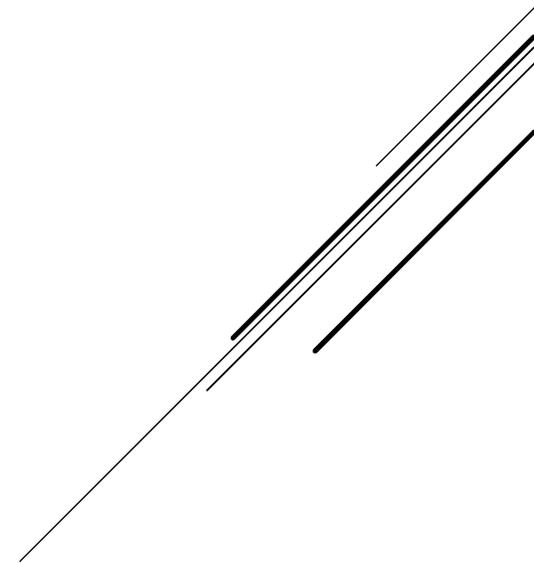
- ▶ There are 2 types of praise and worship we will engage in during our time here on Earth.
  - ▶ Our Personal praise and worship times
  - ▶ Our participation in the praise and worship with other believers in a corporate setting
- ▶ Each of these types of praise and worship are equally important. God wants an intimate relationship with us AND He expects us to join with other believers in one accord worship because it brings the anointing to break the yokes of bondage off people!

## PERSONAL & CORPORATE PRAISE & WORSHIP



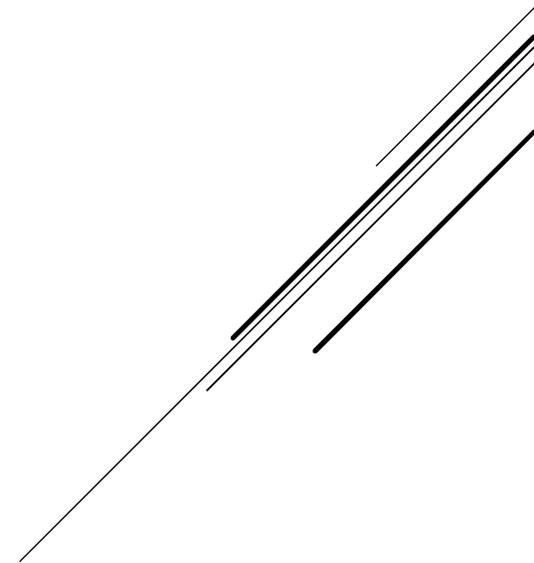
- ▶ Part of the intimate relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ is having a time of personal worship. Singing songs to Him from your heart builds the relationship because the worship brings His presence. In His presence is fullness of joy!
- ▶ Bringing Him a list of your wants and needs and a “injesusnameamen” and going on with your day is NOT going to bring the intimate relationship that He longs to have with you!
- ▶ He MUST be a priority in your daily schedule! He won't settle for anything LESS than that. He has so much to give you if only you would take the time to really interact with Him!
  - ▶ ***“Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.” (Psalm 119:164-165)***

## PERSONAL WORSHIP TIME



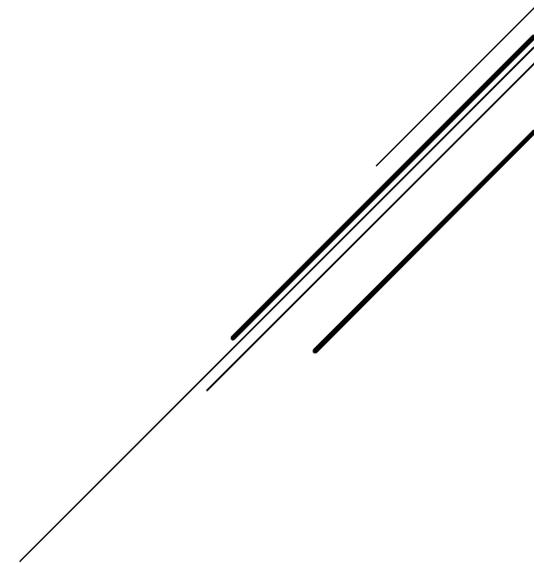
- ▶ Step 1 – Make the decision to begin a personal “God time.” Determine the time you will meet with Him each day and select your “Prayer Closet”. It could be your recliner, a literal closet in your house, or even your front or back porch.
- ▶ Step 2 – Write down your appointments with God in your planner! Pencil Him in! He pencils YOU in I assure you He does.
- ▶ Step 3 – Determine the type of worship. Are you going to get your keyboard or guitar out and begin singing songs to Him or put some playlists together on your smart phone? You decide.
- ▶ Step 4 – Keep your appointment! Don't let the cares of life distract because I promise you the enemy will throw things at you to keep from this appointment!

## HOW TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL WORSHIP TIME – THE SECRET PLACE



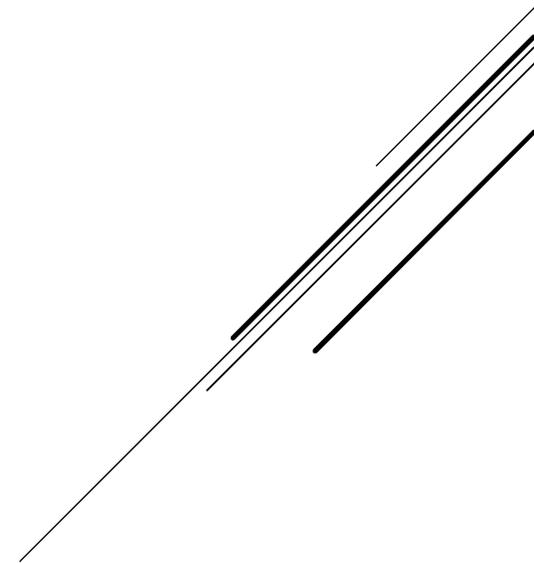
- ▶ Praise and worship in the local body of Christ is not just a “filler” activity. It is a critical component in the flow of the service.
- ▶ Each person has a responsibility to actively put their faith into the praise and worship going up to God in the service. Would you give Him your best if you were actually standing in His presence in heaven? Well, you really ARE standing in His presence in heaven!
- ▶ Corporate praise and worship joins with all other believers who are worshipping God around the world as well as all of heaven and even the universe. All His creation praises Him because He alone is WORTHY of it.
  - ▶ ***“Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them..”***  
***(Psalm 69:34)***

## CORPORATE PRAISE & WORSHIP



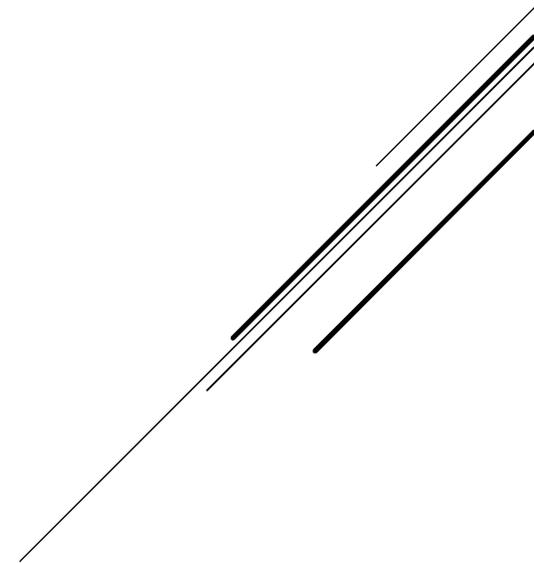
- ▶ Everything in Heaven has a pattern in the earth. The temple God laid out for Moses is a replica of the one in heaven where Jesus Himself brought the precious blood to pour out on the altar for our sins.
- ▶ There is a deeper spiritual parallel to this as well. How we worship is also patterned after the temple.
- ▶ At BWC, this is how we approach praise and worship. Let's break down the temple and how it applies to our worship.

## PRAISE, WORSHIP & THE TEMPLE OF GOD



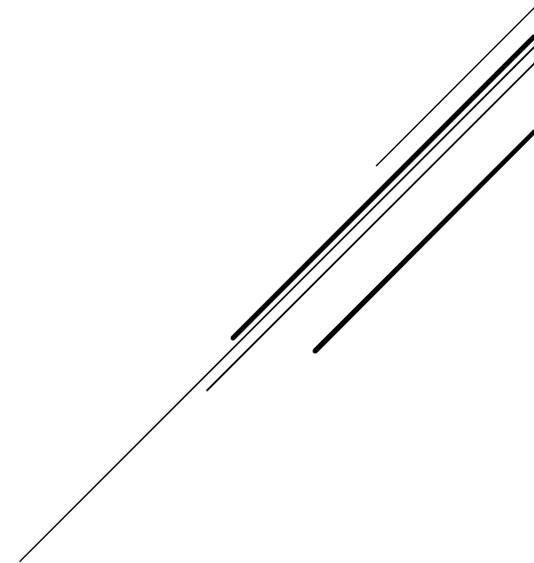
- ▶ The Bible says to “enter His gates with thanksgiving.” The temple has gates of entry. We are to come to church with a thankful heart no matter how bad the week has been.
- ▶ Are you breathing right now? Thank God! Can you get out of bed and walk? Can you get in the car and come to church? Thank God! Do you have an income to pay your bills? Do you have food to eat? Are your children and pets healthy? Thank God! Walk into the service with a thankful heart! Believe me, it could be worse!

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING



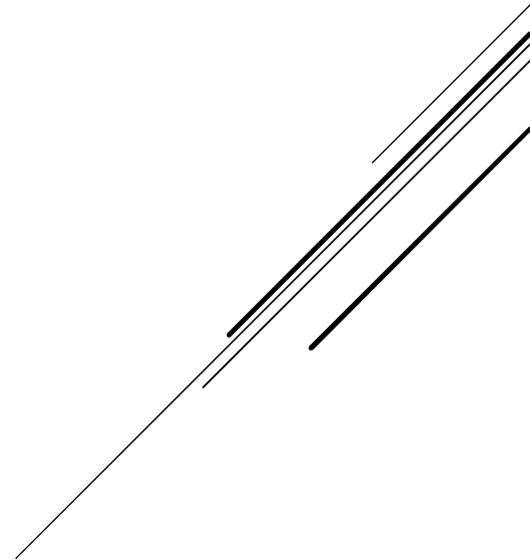
- ▶ Let's enter His gates with thanksgiving right now. What are you thankful for today?
- ▶ As this song plays, imagine yourself entering His very gates and He is watching you come towards Him....how animated would you be? How grateful are you for everything He has done for you?
- ▶ You don't have to be loud and boistrous, although you can be if you want to! Just pour out your thanksgiving to Him for everything He has done and everything He IS to you!
- ▶ Don't just mechanically sing the words to this song...from your heart thank God for what He has done for you, in you and through you!
- ▶ GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!
- ▶ *SONG – I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart*

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING:  
PUT IT INTO PRACTICE!**



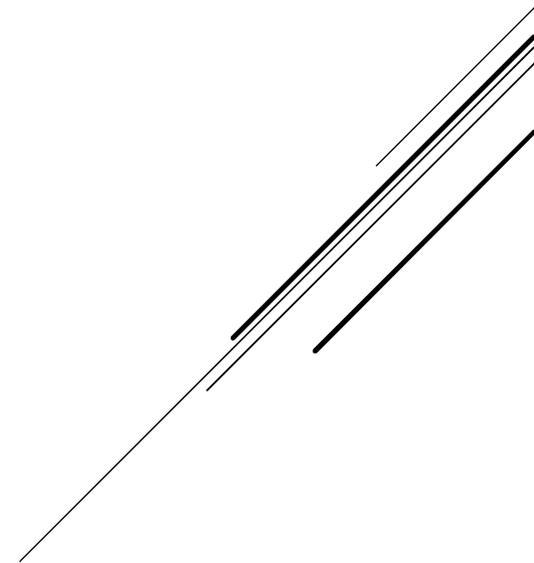
- ▶ The courts of kings are full of pomp and ceremony. High praises are required to give a king. How much more are we to give the Most High God—King Jesus?
- ▶ We are now in His courts. We have given Him thanks as we entered His gates..now it's time to give Him shouts of praise and tell Him how glorious and wonderful and awesome He is! Tell of His awesome wonders! Wave your hands in a wave offering, play your tamborines! Dance! Shout! Wave your banners and flags!
  - ▶ ***“Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 150)***

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE!



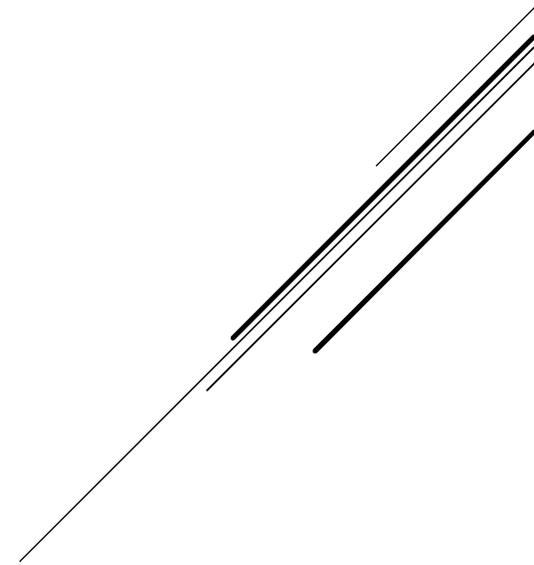
- ▶ Let's enter His courts with praise now! We can begin to tell Him how awesome and wonderful He is! We can declare in all the three worlds the greatness of our God!
- ▶ Everyone get a streamer, a tambourine, the shofar, a flag or use your hands and feet. Or use your voice to shout His praises! We are going to express through high praise how we really feel about Him! Do you really love Him? If so, then let the King of Glory know it!
- ▶ As this song plays, put your faith and your whole heart into it. Forget about anybody around you. They are doing the same thing you are. We are all in a very safe place here.
- ▶ It's OK to shout, to dance, to weep, to laugh, to fall on your face, to wave your hands, stomp your feet, run around the room...IT'S OK!
- ▶ LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH IN THIS ROOM PRAISE THE LIVING GOD!
- ▶ *SONG – THIS IS AMAZING GRACE*

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE:  
PUT IT INTO PRACTICE!



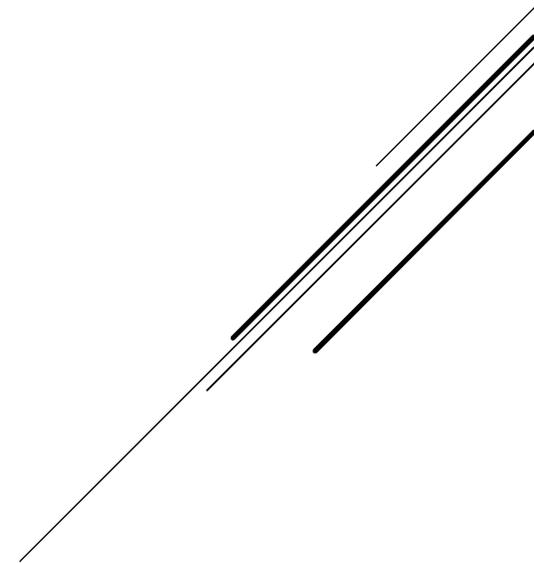
- ▶ The Holy Place is where we bring the sacrifice of praise. We have shaken off the cares of life when we entered His gates and into His courts. Now we are in a position to approach Him in deep worship.
- ▶ The Bible says that those who seek to worship God, must worship in Spirit and in Truth. In other words, we must make sure our robes are white and washed in the Blood of Jesus. We must KNOW Him intimately.
- ▶ The Holy Place can only be truly accessed when we lay aside all our cares and focus on Him. Jesus said “seek ye FIRST, the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”
- ▶ The Holy Place is drawing nearer to God. It is humbling yourself before Him and even weeping. His compassions fail not, so when we humble ourselves, how much more is He going to lift us up?
- ▶ When we enter the Holy Place, we turn our eyes upon Jesus, we look full in His wonderful face, and the things of this world will grow strangely dim...in the light of His glory and grace.

## ENTERING THE HOLY PLACE

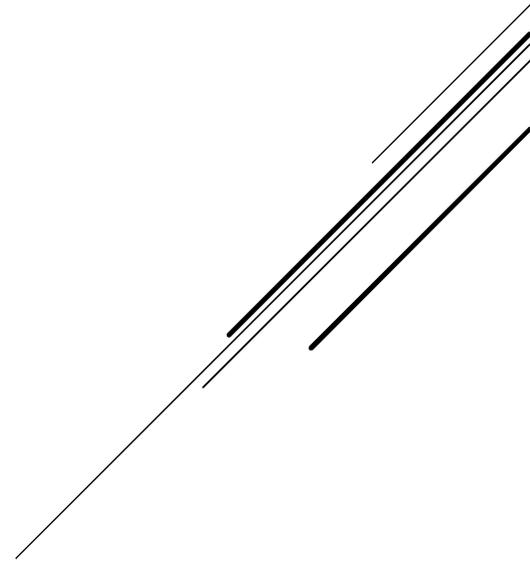


- ▶ The Holy Place is where worship begins. The Holy Place is where intimacy with the Lord begins.
- ▶ Everyone get a flag or streamer or just use your hands. We are going to use our bodies to worship Him as well as our voices. Let the Holy Spirit direct you as to how you worship. He may have you twirl around in a slow dance or just stand and wave to Him. Listen for His voice.
- ▶ This is a time of reverence and awe. Our God is an awesome God. We really have no clue as to how awesome He really is. All we know is that He desperately loves us and we desperately love Him...so show Him your love in your worship as this song plays.
- ▶ SONG – Nobody Like You (Paul Wilbur)

**ENTERING THE HOLY PLACE: PUT IT  
INTO PRACTICE!**



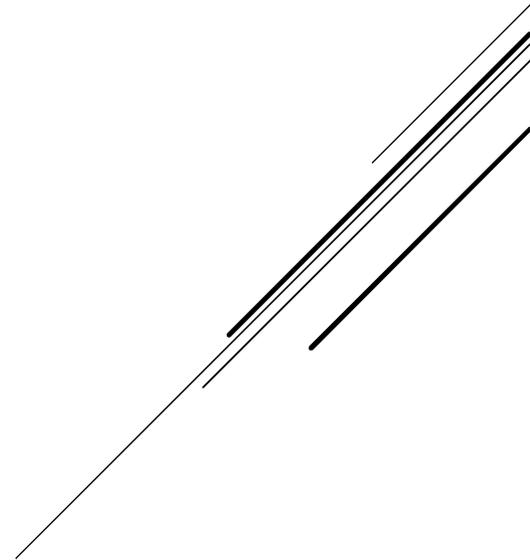
- ▶ The Holy of Holies in the temple was where the Presence of God dwelt. Nobody but the High Priest could go in to the Holy of Holies. And He had better been living right! Sin cannot exist in the presence of God. It just can't. He won't allow it.
- ▶ The Holy of Holies is where we want to get. We want to get into His presence in the throne room of heaven. Praise & worship is a journey to the heart of God. The new covenant that Jesus bought with His blood, rent the veil separating us from our Father!
- ▶ To reach His heart requires holiness because He is holy! The journey from the gates of thanksgiving through His courts of praise and humbling ourselves in the Holy Place, bring us into His very presence..because of His blood!



## ENTERING THE HOLY OF HOLIES: HIS PRESENCE

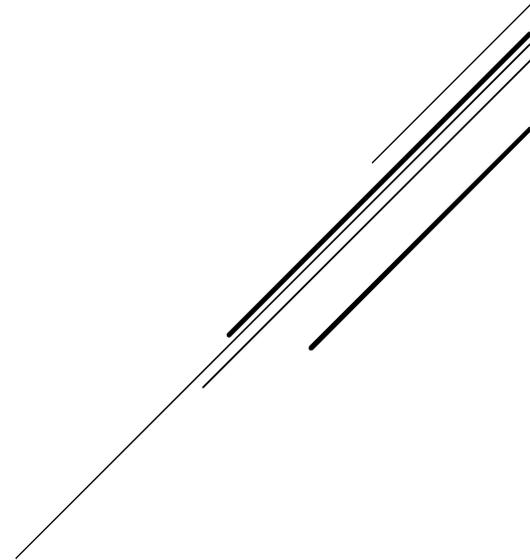
- ▶ At BWC, the final couple of songs in our playlist are Holy of Holies songs. They are to bring us deeper into His presence. That is the purpose of our worship: to bring us to His heart.
- ▶ As these song play, let your heart begin to actually commune with the Lord. This requires your faith to be activated towards God. As you yield your heart to the Holy Spirit, He will guide you into the Father's heart.
- ▶ Close your eyes and pretend you are the only one in the room. Focus on Him and Him alone. As you begin, the Holy Spirit will start moving among us to guide us into the very heart of God.
- ▶ SONGS – JESUS, JESUS, JESUS & More Precious Than Silver

THE HOLY OF HOLIES: PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE!



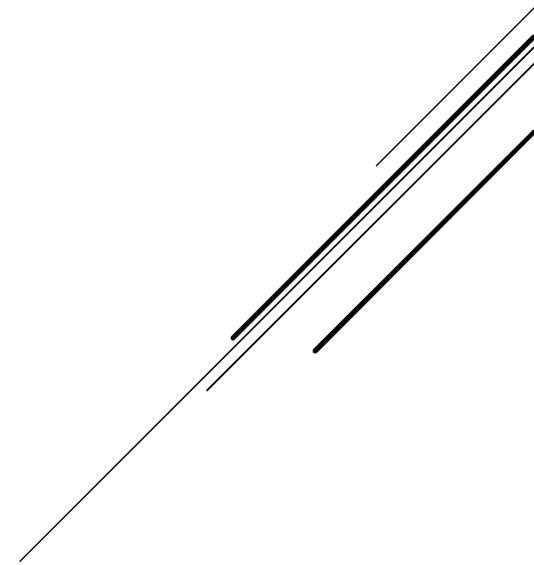
- ▶ At BWC, we approach our praise and worship based on the temple in heaven because that is where God's throne and His presence can be accessed from here.
- ▶ We have structured our praise and worship like this:
  - ▶ Call to Worship – Blowing of the Shofar
  - ▶ Prayer of Submittal and Release
  - ▶ Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving
  - ▶ Enter His Courts With Praise
  - ▶ Draw Near to Him in the Holy Place
  - ▶ Worship in the Holy of Holies
  - ▶ Sitting before the LORD
  - ▶ Giving Tithes & Offerings

## THE COMPONENTS OF OUR WORSHIP



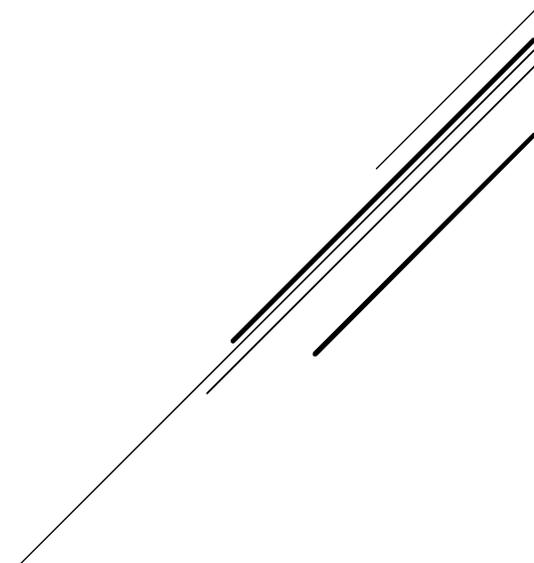
- ▶ What is a shofar? – A shofar is a ram's horn. That's it. It is a ram's horn. Shofar are not made of other materials. God makes a shofar using a ram.
- ▶ What is it used for?
  - ▶ To sound an alarm (Ezekiel 33:3)
  - ▶ To convene assemblies – call to worship
  - ▶ To announce the new moon and year of Jubilee
  - ▶ To herald messages
  - ▶ To coronate kings
  - ▶ Used to wage war against enemies
  - ▶ Used to worship in the temple
  - ▶ It declares the LORD God is the King of the universe
  - ▶ The shofar will sound when the Lord calls us up to Him in the rapture!
- ▶ Why do we do it? – At BWC, we do it to call all of heaven to witness our praise and worship and to declare before the three worlds that OUR GOD REIGNS!
- ▶ Does it make a difference? – I believe it does. It is an act of FAITH that our assembly is calling to our God and inviting Him to fellowship with us!

## CALL TO WORSHIP: BLOWING THE SHOFAR



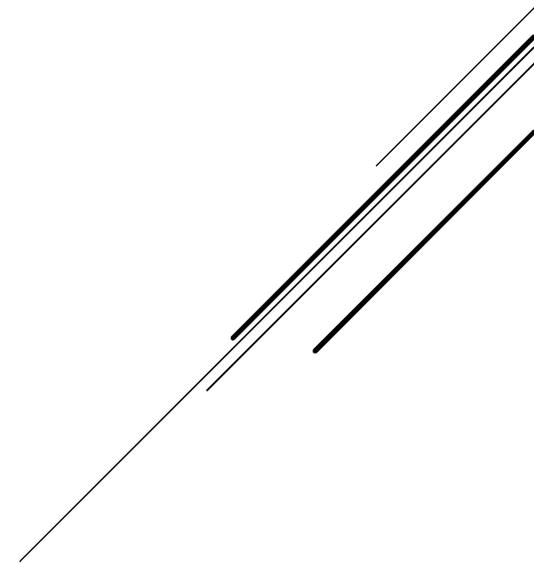
- ▶ After we blow the shofar, we play Aaron's blessing, which releases the Word of God into our service. It does something in the spirit realm to do this.
- ▶ We take a few minutes to pray and release anything that would hinder us from coming into one accord with the rest of the people. This could be sin, hurt feelings, not feeling well.
- ▶ Ideally, in your morning prayer time before church you should have done all this, but we want to give everyone a chance to come into one accord.
- ▶ Again, when we come together in ONE ACCORD – UNITY, it is NEVER ignored by God! He will ALWAYS respond to one accord unity! It is important that each one of us thinks about what GOD wants to do and not our own misery. Believe me, it will be there after we leave if you want to take it back up.

## PRAYER OF SUBMITTAL & RELEASE



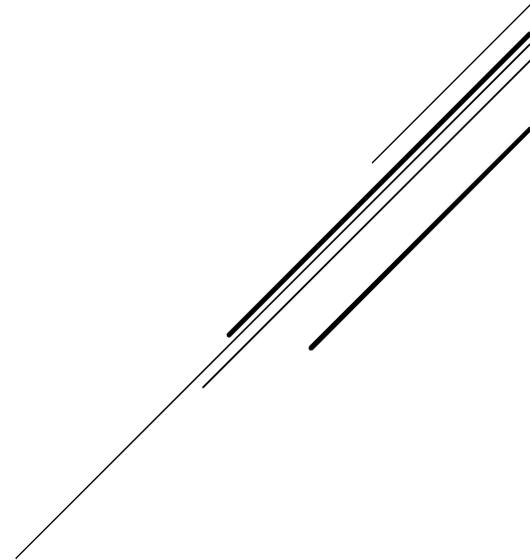
- ▶ All the songs we do here at BWC are designed to bring each person to the Throne Room of God...where His heart is. Remember, we are worshiping the Most High God along with everything else in creation.
- ▶ The first song takes us through the gate of thanksgiving. It's upbeat and happy. The second song brings us into His courts of praise. It's time to let loose..to get your praise on! From there the songs flow into worship in the Holy Place and finally into His heart..the Holy of Holies.
- ▶ When we all come into one-accord unity, that is when the glory and power of God is released to us. The anointing to break the yoke of bondage is released. The Power of God is released into the message.
- ▶ It is this unity that will always bring God's attention. Unity is everything in the Kingdom of God. It is the main thing that Jesus prayed for in John 17 when He prayed for His people. "May they be ONE like WE are ONE."

## TEMPLE PRAISE & WORSHIP



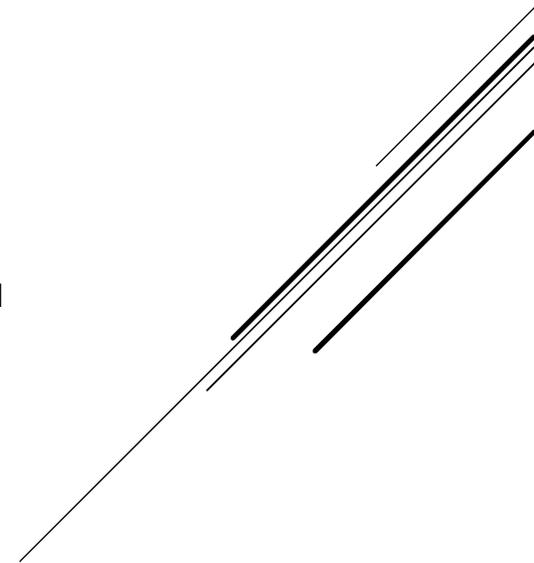
- ▶ Why do we sit before the Lord after the last worship song? Since this church belongs to the Lord, its only fitting that He be given time and opportunity to move through His people and release the gifts of the Spirit.
- ▶ We determined from the beginning of this ministry that it is the Holy Spirit's work. His and His alone. We have schedules and agendas but they are easily discarded once we know what He wants to do in any given service at BWC.
- ▶ So we sit in the quiet time for as long as it takes. He will release us to continue when He is finished.

## SITTING BEFORE THE LORD



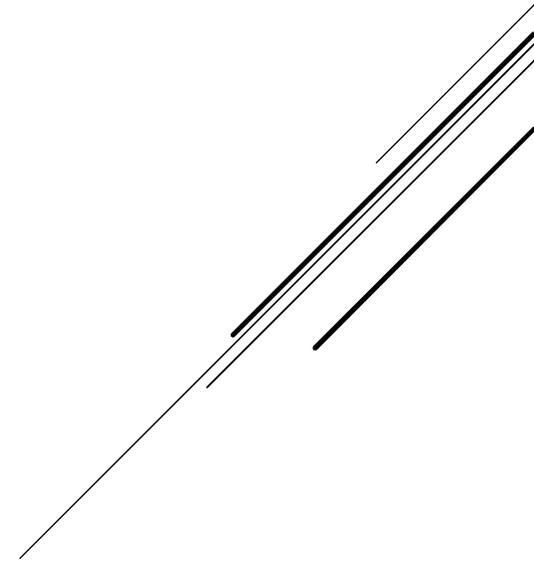
- ▶ Did you know that bringing the tithes and offerings to the Lord is an act of worship? How so? Because you work hard for your money don't you? Your money represents YOU. You may work a whole day to give \$100 to God. That is a sacrifice.
- ▶ When we give cheerfully and lovingly to God our money to advance His Kingdom, He will bless you not only financially, but in so many other ways that are much more valuable!
- ▶ The Lord faithfully gives Donna a short message to bring to His people every week. Don't underestimate these messages. They are straight from His heart to YOU. God doesn't speak idly. Every word that He utters is important.
- ▶ Like everything else in the kingdom, giving of tithes and offerings is a faith action. Take it seriously. Put your faith into this very important component of praise and worship.

## GIVING TITHES & OFFERINGS



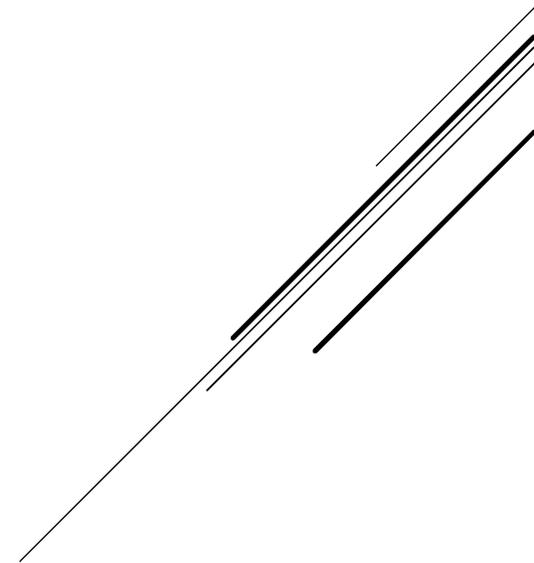
- ▶ Speaking of faith. Let's talk about putting your faith into your praise and worship in the services. Faith needs to be exercised. Faith doesn't look at how miserable you feel, or how mad at your spouse you are. Faith looks past the flesh and stares directly into the heart of God in worship.
- ▶ Ideally, when we walk through the doors of this church, we should have our praise on and ready to soar into the throne room. When we come in prepared to put our faith into our worship, it is contagious. Enthusiasm is contagious!
- ▶ People get excited when others are excited. It helps them shake off their weights and burdens. Remember, in the Kingdom of God, it is ALWAYS about the other person and not we ourselves!
- ▶ We should come in with the attitude of "how can I help my brethren reach the heart of God?"

## APPLYING FAITH TO PRAISE & WORSHIP



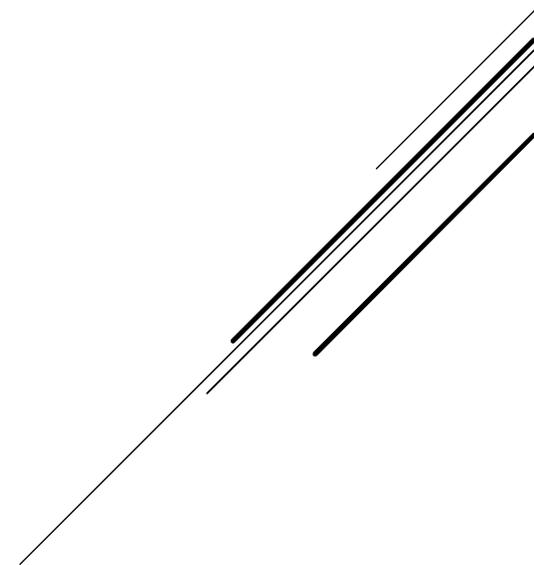
- ▶ The intimate relationship with the Lord cannot be stressed enough! What we do with God day in and day out determines our level of faith and effectiveness in the church praise and worship.
- ▶ If the enemy is allowed to run you ragged all week, and you are either too busy or too tired to meet with the Lord, guess what will happen on Sunday morning? Not much. Your ears will be dull and your flesh will be screaming at you to go eat and go to bed.
- ▶ You must make time with Him a priority. You must make studying and devouring His Word a priority. Even if it's 15 minutes and a couple of songs. Once you obey, He will refresh you.
- ▶ I can't tell you how many times on Tuesday night prayer, that I walked in dog tired but by the time we finished just a couple of songs, I was refreshed! Make the sacrifice. You won't regret it.

## PERSONAL INTIMACY WITH GOD THE FATHER



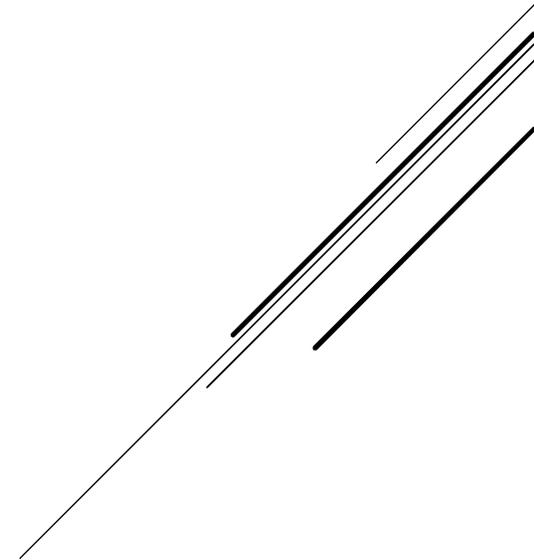
- ▶ YOU play a very important role in the praise and worship service here at BWC. Every person who comes is critical to one accord unity. That is the goal.
- ▶ That is why faith is important, that is why the intimate relationship is so important. When we come with a faith-filled attitude about getting to God's presence, because we have been in His presence all week, we can achieve that one accord unity that God loves so much!
- ▶ We are going to put this into practice today and again on Sunday. Take these principles and run with them. Let God do a mighty work in you!

## YOUR IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRAISE & WORSHIP



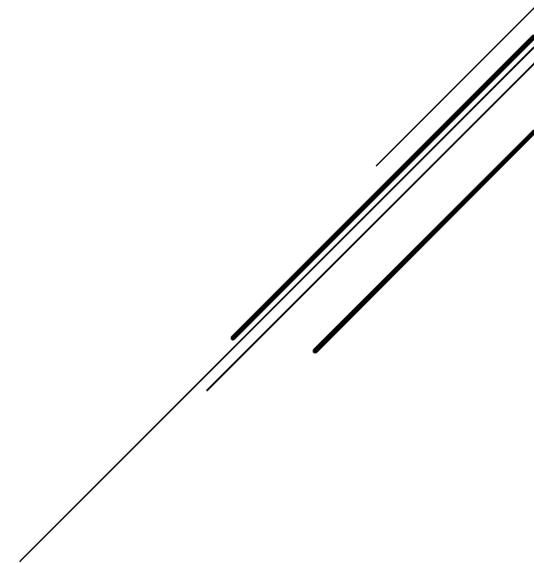
- ▶ What are the elements of praise and worship? These are tools we use to reach the heart of God. That is the goal remember..to reach the heart of the Father!
- ▶ Here are the elements:
  - ▶ Music – Any instruments, iPad playlists or CDs.
  - ▶ Tambourines
  - ▶ Worship Flags, Banners, Streamers, Glory Hoops, Billows etc.
  - ▶ Dancing (Team dance or individual dance)
  - ▶ Shouting
  - ▶ Wave Offerings of the hands
- ▶ All of the elements listed here have an important role to play in worship. Let's explore these elements!

## THE ELEMENTS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP



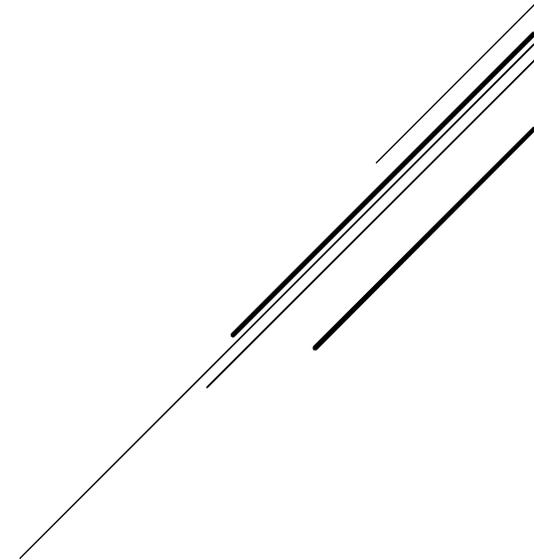
- ▶ Most churches have either a choir or a praise and worship team. They have keyboards, guitars, drums and other instruments depending on the number of musicians in the church.
- ▶ At BWC, we have an iPad with almost 800 professional musicians who do our praise and worship. One day, we also will have a praise and worship team!
- ▶ Regardless of the set up, the purpose remains the same: we must get to the heart of God for real change to happen in our lives! It is NOT about talent...it is about faith-filled worship determined to touch His heart. That is what brings the anointing that breaks the yoke of bondage!

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, IPAD PLAYLISTS & CDS



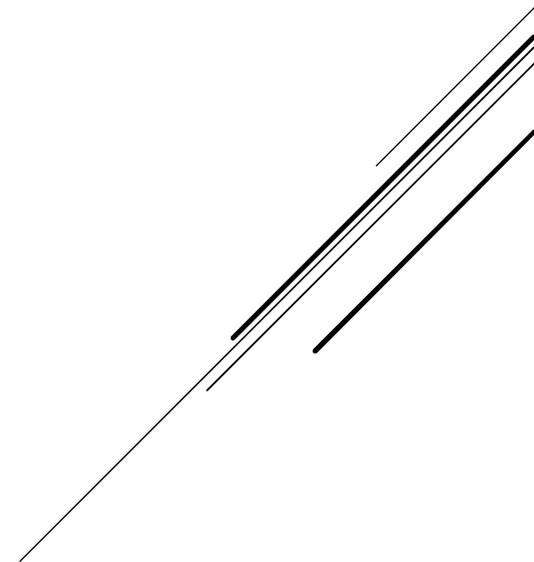
- ▶ Tambourines are great accompaniments to not only the praise team but also people in the congregation too!
- ▶ Moses' sister Miriam broke out her tambourine after they crossed the red sea.
- ▶ The Psalms say to praise God with the clanging cymbals, which is exactly what tambourines are.
- ▶ Here is a demo of using a tambourine.

## TAMBOURINES



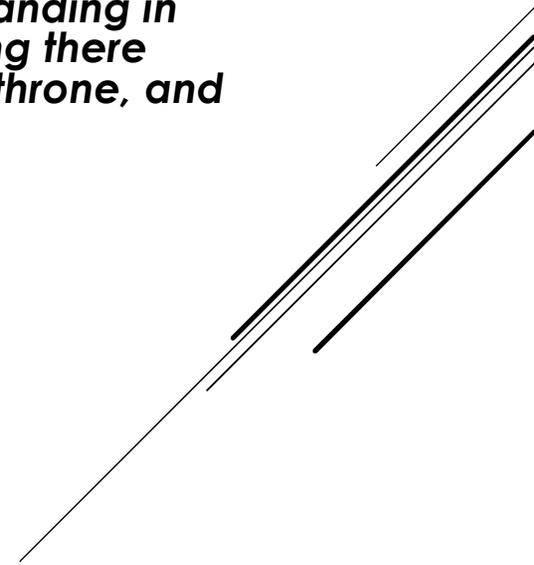
- ▶ Let's look at some scriptures on the use of banners and flags.
  - ▶ ***“We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.”(Psalm 20:5)***
  - ▶ ***“You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.”(Psalm 60:4)***
  - ▶ ***“He will also lift up a standard to the distant nation, And will whistle for it from the ends of the earth; And behold, it will come with speed swiftly.” (Isaiah 5:26)***
  - ▶ ***“All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth, As soon as a standard is raised on the mountains, you will see it, And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.” (Isaiah 18:3)***
- ▶ Flags and banners and streamers are important tools in worship and also in spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer. His banner over us is love. He declares before all the three worlds His love for us. His commitment to us—with a banner.

**BANNERS, FLAGS, STREAMERS, GLORY  
HOOPS AND BILLOWS**



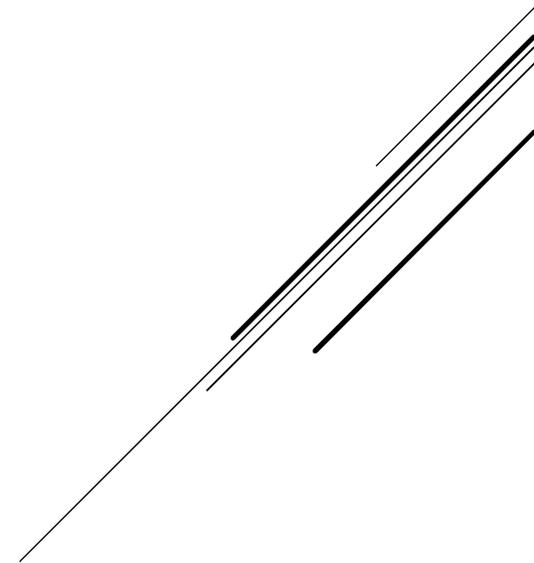
- ▶ God created colors. In fact, the colors in heaven are indescribably beautiful. They can't be described because there is nothing here on Earth to compare them to. The Apostle Paul said he saw things in heaven that weren't lawful for him to even discuss! God's throne is of sapphire blue. His color is blue. An emerald rainbow surrounds His throne.
  - ▶ Let's read some scriptures describing colors.
  - ▶ Isaiah 54:11-12 ***"<sup>11</sup> O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. <sup>12</sup> And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones."***
  - ▶ Revelation 4:2-4 ***"With that the Spirit possessed me and I saw a throne standing in heaven, and the One who was sitting on the throne, and the Person sitting there looked like a diamond and a ruby. There was a rainbow encircling the throne, and this looked like an emerald."***
- ▶ Listen to Come Away

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COLORS IN FLAGS, STREAMERS AND BANNERS



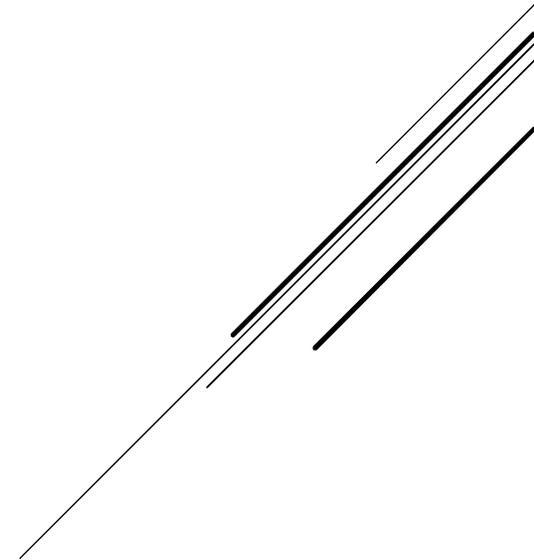
- ▶ Gold represents God's position. He is the Most High God. There is none beside Him. None can compare to His majesty and power and might! Gold is the most precious metal on the planet. Gold is the most expensive metal. Gold is what paves the streets of heaven! Gold represents God's limitless LOVE for mankind. He is crazy, passionately in love with each one in this room!
- ▶ Gold flags, streamers and banners acknowledge God as the Creator of everything. It signifies His deity. He is GOD! Gold also represents God's glory, faith and the refining process He does with each one of us. His Kingship and His Truth are represented by gold.

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - GOLD



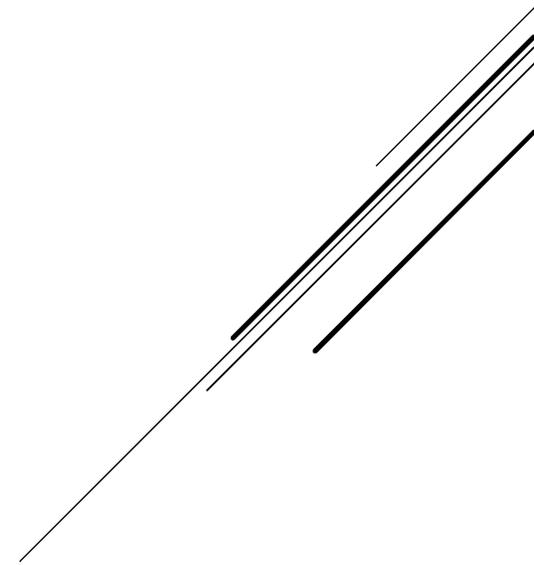
- ▶ Red represents the precious blood of Jesus and it represents redemption. It represents the painfully high price that God paid for each one of us.
- ▶ Red also represents salvation, life, fire and courage! Red signifies passion.
- ▶ Waving a red flag, banner or streamer shows God that you consider His sacrifice worth praising Him for! It is a way you can show your passion for Him too!

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - RED



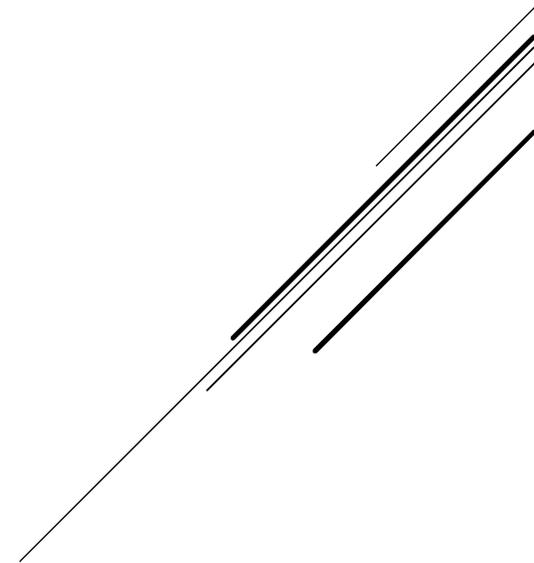
- ▶ Blue represents heaven. God sits on a Throne of sapphire. Jehovah God uses blue a lot in the creation of Earth. The sky is a beautiful shade of blue on a clear sunny day. The oceans are incredibly beautiful shades of blue. The turquoise of the Caribbean and Indian oceans, the dark blues of the Antarctic.
- ▶ Blue also represents authority, the Holy Spirit, integrity, justice, revelation and priesthood.
- ▶ Waving a blue flag, banner or streamer shows God your worship of Him as Creator..as Elohim. The God of gods, the King of kings and the LORD of lords!

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - BLUE



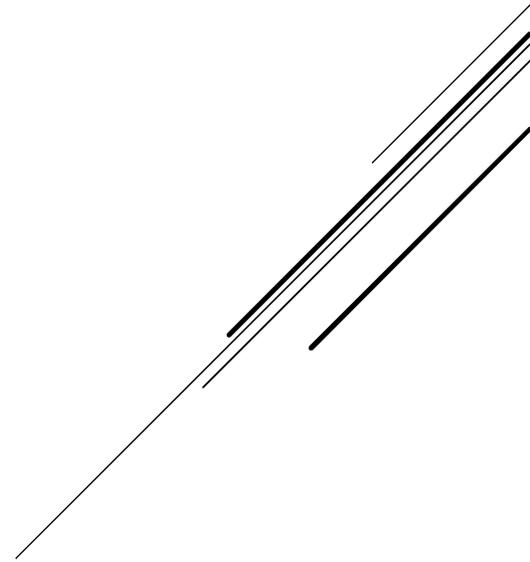
- ▶ Purple represents the Kingship of Jesus Christ! He is King of kings! All dominion and authority has been given to Him. He is the LORD. Purple is a royal color. Only royalty could afford purple. The virtuous woman in Proverbs affords it because she is the daughter of the Most High...and so are YOU.
- ▶ We are a royal priesthood, a peculiar people who show forth the praises of our God. We are all daughters of the King. Purple signifies His Kingdom reign. Purple signifies wealth and abundance. Did not Jesus come to give us life and that more abundantly?
- ▶ Waving a purple flag, banner or streamer shows the LORD that you acknowledge Jesus Christ is King! You are reigning with Him!

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - PURPLE



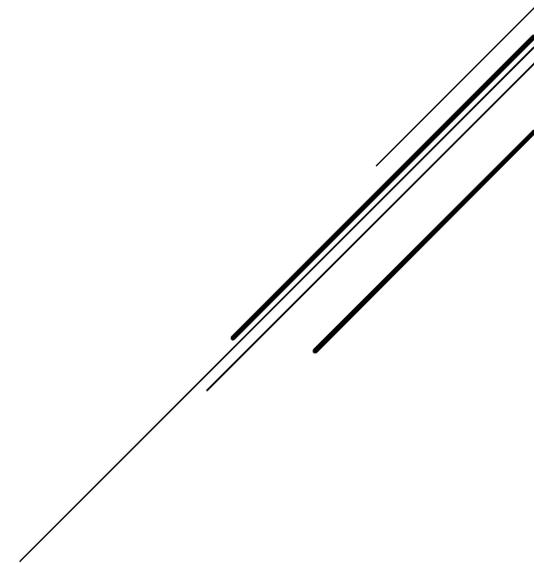
- ▶ White represents purity and righteousness. Brides wear a white wedding gown to signify their purity in coming to their husband. White is light. God's glory is radiant, brilliant and glorious light.
- ▶ Waving a white flag, banner or streamer shows God you are part of His Son's bride! Your name is in the Book of Remembrance because you are passionately in love with Him.

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - WHITE



- ▶ Green represents fruitfulness. We are commanded by God to be fruitful and multiply. We are commanded as Christians to bear much fruit...as much as one hundred fold! Green represents prosperity in every way...we prosper even as our souls prosper.
- ▶ Green also represents peace and serenity. Green is a soothing color. The peace of God can be found nowhere else. Only He can impart His peace to you. And that comes through faith in Jesus Christ!
- ▶ Green also represents new life, resurrection, flourishing, healing, hope, peace and victory..and God's rest!
- ▶ Waving a green flag, banner or streamer shows God you want to bless Him by being everything He has purposed for you to be. You are choosing to fulfill all the plans in your book! You are reminding God of His promise to flood your life with peace.

## MEANINGS OF COLORS - GREEN



- ▶ Now we are going to put it all together into a praise and worship session! We are going to:
  - ▶ Enter His gates with thanksgiving
  - ▶ Enter His Courts with praise!
  - ▶ Draw near to Him in the Holy Place
  - ▶ Enter the Holy of Holies—His very presence
- ▶ As each song plays, remember your purpose, remember your important role in it, put your faith into it..really focus your faith on God's presence in this place.
- ▶ Step out of your comfort zone! Do something you've never done! Get lost in the worship of the Most High and He will transport you to His very heart of worship. Get a flag, or streamer or a glory hoop or tambourine...do something different!
- ▶ Let's go!

**PUTTING IT ALL INTO PRACTICE!**

