

REBUILD

1. Rebuilding with Purpose
2. Rebuilding with Spirit and Truth
3. Rebuilding with Prayer
4. Rebuilding in Community
5. Rebuilding in Opposition
6. Rebuilding in God's Strength
7. Rebuilding through Sacrifice

TODAY

8. *Rebuilding with Worship*

NEHEMIAH 8

9. Rebuilding with Hope

Ezra 3

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel. ¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,
“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”
And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Ezra 6

¹⁶ And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. ¹⁷ They offered at the dedication of this house of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel...

Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 12:43

And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

1. Why We Worship
2. How We Worship
3. What Worship Does

Why We Worship

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, *because* the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.



We are made to worship.
It's automatic.

Worship is a natural response to being wrapped up into something greater than ourselves. It is “ascribing worth” to what which instills awe.

Why We Worship

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Celebration
Thankfulness
Glorifying
Submission

Why We Worship

Responding

Thankfully Respond to

- Who God Is

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giving thanks to the LORD,

*“For he is good, for his
steadfast love endures
forever toward Israel.”*

Why We Worship

Responding

Thankfully Respond to

- Who God Is
- What God Has Done

Joy our way into worship

Ezra 3:11b

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Why We Worship

Pre-responding

Faithfully Respond to

- What God Will Do
- (because of) Who God Is

Worship our way into Joy

Habakkuk 3

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

How We Worship

Personally & Corporately

“Go your way. Eat the fat
and drink sweet wine”

“And all the people shouted
with a great shout”

How We Worship

Personally & Corporately

Singing & Listening

¹¹ And they sang responsively,
praising and giving thanks
to the LORD”

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had set his heart to study
the Law of the LORD, and to do it
and to teach his statutes
and rules in Israel.

How We Worship

Personally & Corporately

Singing & Listening

Giving & Receiving

“And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced”

“Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and **send portions** to anyone who has nothing ready”

¹⁷ They offered at the dedication of this house of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and **as a sin offering for all Israel...**

Hebrews 13

¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood...

How We Worship

Personally & Corporately

Singing & Listening

Giving & Receiving

Living & Eternal

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which
is your spiritual worship.

1Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do, do all to the
glory of God.

Revelation 5

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”*

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!”
and the elders fell down and worshiped.

What Worship Does

Worship Builds Upward

Psalm 103:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

What Worship Does

Worship Builds Inward

Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, *for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*”

What Worship Does

Worship Builds Around

Nehemiah 12:43

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What Worship Does

Worship Builds Outward

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