

Pursuing His Presence

Prophetic Prayer and Worship

What is prophetic prayer and worship?

How does it differ from “regular” prayer and worship? Prophetic prayer and worship require prophetic revelation.

What is prophetic revelation?

Prophetic revelation is the release of knowledge or information by God to an individual that was not previously known and cannot be ascertained by our normal means of comprehension.

In simple terms, prophetic prayer and worship is the practice of stopping to listen to God’s voice, to wait on Him and see what He is doing. We then align our heart with His heart and agree with what He is saying and doing. We then declare that with our voice and obediently act.

Stopping to listen to God and obediently acting on His words is powerful.

This is how Jesus did His ministry

Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5:19 NIV

For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. John 12:49 NIV

We listen, we agree, and we declare!

We all want our prayers to be powerful and effective. As children of God we believe that when we pray things change, something happens.

We believe that when we worship God draws near to us (James 4:8) as we give Him our attention and adoration. It is from that place of intimacy with God that we hear His voice clearly and begin to understand His heart.

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:7 NIV

Some translations say “abide” – an example of abiding in God’s presence is Joshua in the tent of meeting in Exodus 33:7-11.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14 NIV

The key is knowing His will; to have His words abiding in us. To do that we must know Him. We must listen to His voice and partner with His purposes. When we do that our prayers will be powerful and effective.

2 Chronicles 20:1-30 NIV

Verses 1-4

Jehoshaphat was confronted with a difficult situation. How did he respond?
“He resolved to inquire of the Lord!”

All the people of Judah came to seek God. That is the first step of prophetic prayer and worship.

They all stopped to listen for God voice.

Verses 5-12

Vs 12 – King Jehoshaphat says, “We do not know what to do, but **our eyes are on you...**”

They stopped and looked to God to see what He was doing in this situation. Stopping to listen to God and obediently acting on His words is powerful! We must fix our eyes on God. We must tune our ears to His voice.

Verses 13-19

The King and the nation looked to God for answers and He responded by giving them a battle plan. God tells them that the fight is **His** fight.

They agree with God and respond by worshipping Him and giving Him praise. Their prayers released prophetic revelation that led them to worship. Their worship was a response of agreement and obedience. They believed God would save them.

Verses 20-21

Even though the battle belonged to the Lord they had to partner with Him and go out to the battlefield.

It is not enough to inquire of God and hear his voice. We must engage our faith and obediently act.

Verses 22-23

Verse 22 - *as they began to sing and praise*, the Lord set ambushes against these armies.

Their worship was in agreement with what God said He would do. They aligned their worship with God's purposes for that time.

This is prophetic worship. They are praising God for victory in battle before the first sword had been raised!

Verses 24-30

It is incredible to win a battle that you don't even have to fight.

There was so much plunder it took three days to collect it. That is a BIG victory!

Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, he set his eyes on him. God responded through a prophetic word and Jehoshaphat obediently obeyed—giving God the praise and prophetically worshiping God for the victory.

What if Jehoshaphat had simply prayed to God to save them but did not wait on God to answer him and give him direction for the battle? Would he and the nation have been completely destroyed?

Group Discussion Questions

1. Has there been a time that you faced a difficult situation and through prayer and worship God gave you a battle plan? Share the testimony.
2. Share a time that you clearly heard God's voice of direction for your life. Was it through worship, prayer, Bible reading, or some other means?
3. How do you most commonly "hear" God's voice?
4. Why do you think it is important to "stop" to clearly listen to God's voice?