

“A Model For Biblical Worship”
2 Chronicles 29

Introduction: When we worship together corporately, there is a sense in which what we are doing is “heaven practice” because worship is what we will be doing together eternally as children of God (Isaiah 6:1-7, Revelation 4-5).

As we look at this passage of Scripture in 2 Chronicles 29, keep in mind that all Scripture is ultimately about Jesus (Luke 24:44). So, as we apply this today, remember that Jesus is our Temple as New Covenant Christians (Revelation 21:22) so we do not need to go to a physical temple, that our bodies are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16), and the church corporately is the temple of God (Ephesians 2:19-22) because God indwells believers through the Holy Spirit.

What is involved in biblical worship that honors Jesus? Here is a biblical model taken from the Old Testament.

- 1. Cleansing (v. 1-24, see also Hebrews 10:19-25):** This happens when we are saved, and it is important for Christians to confess sins to stay in fellowship with God (1 John 1:9).
- 2. Celebration (24-30):** Worship involves praise and thanksgiving for who God is and what He has done for us, particularly for what Jesus did for us on the cross and through His resurrection.
- 3. Connection (v. 31):** God invites us “to come near.” We connect with Him through Jesus. True worship is connecting with Him personally and not just showing up for a service.
- 4. Consecration (v. 31-36, see also Romans 12:1):** Worship is offering our lives to God in surrender as an act of worship.