

### W.W.J.U. WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO? Week 2 ~ Hollow Worship

## Be careful not to give empty gifts.

Then the Lord said, "... this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote..." ~ Isaiah 29:13

Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." ~ Matthew 15:1-2

And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God," he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition." ~ Matthew 15:3-6

You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: "This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men." ~ Matthew 15:7-9

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ~ John 4:23-24

### ~ POSTURES OF WORSHIP ~

### 1) Bowing/Kneeling

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. ~ Psalm 95:6

# 2) Clapping and Lifting Our Hands

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You for help, as I lift up my hands toward Your Most Holy Place. ~ Psalm 28:2

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. ~ Psalm 47:1b

I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands. ~ Psalm 63:4



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Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. ~ Psalm 134:2

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. ~ Psalm 141:2

I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. ~ Psalm 143:6

Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ~ 1 Timothy 2:8

### 3) Dance

Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp ~ Psalm 149:3

...praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe ~ Psalm 150:4

### 4) Praise

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19* 

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. ~ Hebrews 13:15

## 5) Shouting and Singing

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. ~ Psalm 95:1-2

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things... Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth... ~ Psalm 98:1, 4-9a

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. ~ Psalm 150:1-6 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. ~ 1 Corinthians 14:15

...[speak] to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord... ~ Ephesians 5:19

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ~ Colossians 3:16

> He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." ~ Hebrews 2:12

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ~ James 5:13

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ~ Revelation 19:6

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God —this is your true and proper worship. ~ Romans 12:1