

Incomparable: The God We Worship

What is Worship (Part 2 of 4)

Psalms 135:1-6 Pastor Tom Sefik

*I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.
The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth,
in the seas and all their depths.*

Psalms 135:5-6

A Guide for Worship

The book of Psalms is both the hymnal and prayer book of Israel. It provides us with a profoundly rich and varied picture of the Infinitely Majestic God that we worship and serve today.

Christian worship is **re-orienting our lives** around the person of Jesus and prioritizing him as our greatest treasure.

The Invitation to Praise (v. 1-2)

- We're invited to **remind** each other of God's worth. We wake each other up to his glory to worship him as He deserves.
- We're **invited close** to God to serve and worship him. Our position was far away and cut off from his presence, but through Christ, we have been brought near and welcomed into even the *Most Holy Place* by his sacrifice. He calls us servants, friends, and priests: we can go to him directly for the forgiveness and wisdom we need.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance of faith – Hebrews 10:19, 22

We have **infinite** reasons to praise (v. 3-6)

His Amazing Nature

- God is **Good**. (Psalm 119:68)
You alone are good, pure, and morally perfect in everything you do.

You are the **Source** and **Giver** of every good and perfect gift (James 1:27)

Your **will** for us is good, well-pleasing, and perfect. (Romans 12:2)
- His name is **pleasant** and **lovely**. (v. 3b)
In his presence is majesty, wonder, and beauty. Fullness of joy is found there. His presence is refreshing, cleansing, and invigorating to our spirit.

His Power

- God is **incomparable**. Greater than all other gods. (v. 5-6)
God is **holy**: He is different, utterly unique, set apart, and far above every other being and thing in the universe!

Isaiah 40 celebrates the stunning, mind-boggling magnitude of God's transcendent majesty.

His Compassion

- In love, He **chose** us to be His special treasure. (v. 4)
While we were still sinners, God reached down in remarkable Grace to adopt and rename us. We're loved by him!

*When perfect power meets perfect compassion, we are free to fall into the arms of the Lord in quiet trust. God is powerful and **able** to deliver us, while He is loving and **delights to** do so. This is the best of all possible worlds. This is a God who can be counted on completely. – CRAIG COOPER*
- God did not hold back from giving us **himself**.
For Christ died for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to **bring you to God!** – 1 Peter 3:18

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Respond to your invitation to worship this week.
Read prayerfully through the Book of Psalms.
Further Reading: *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer



Try Alpha Begins April 11 | Online + In-Person
Life hinges on the big questions. Alpha is a space for honest, judgment free conversations. Join a small group 1x/week for 11 weeks to:

- Watch a video that shares how Christianity addresses one of life's biggest questions.
- Enjoy friendly discussion about the topic.

It's that simple. Come and learn together at Alpha! There are online and in-person options: connect in a way that works for you! Anyone exploring the Christian faith is welcome, and no questions are off-limits!

Register Today: gracecma.org/alpha



Serve: Renew the City April 29 | 8 AM - 1 PM

Spend a Saturday connecting with a neighborhood and uplifting a community as you work on The Shop, Envision Cleveland's new vocational training center on Kinsman Road. **Registration and Release Forms online:** envisioncleveland.org/renewthecity



Lecrae in Concert Sunday, May 7 | 7 PM

LECRAE is coming to Grace with special guests DOE and Elevation Rhythm on Sunday, May 7 at 7 PM. Tickets are on sale now!

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Grace Family Mission Trip July 13-16

Make memories while you make a difference together! This trip is for families with kids 8+up. You'll join other families from Grace to love on the community of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania during 4 days of prayer, service projects, and summer campground fun.

Learn more: bit.ly/GCFamMission23



EASTER at GRACE April 8-9

Save the date and invite a friend to join you!

Olmsted Falls Campus:

Good Friday: 7 PM* Easter Sunday at 10 AM

Middleburg Heights Campus:

Easter Saturday, April 8 @5 PM*

Easter Sunday April 9 @9/10:30/12 Noon*

*Also online at live.gracecma.org

Easter Choir – Be part of the worship experience by joining our Easter choir at each campus!

Easter Lilies - Order lilies in honor of a loved one this Easter. Order envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.



Jobseekers March 27 | 7-9 PM

The job market is competitive! Join a monthly community where you can make connections, prepare for your next interview, and get prayer for your search!

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Forever Young Lunch + Bible Study

March 30 | 12-2 in the Venue

Adults 50+ are invited to enjoy lunch and Bible study based on *The Real Heaven* by Chip Ingram.

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Widows Spring Brunch April 1 | 10 AM - Noon

Widows of all ages are invited to enjoy a lovely spring fling themed brunch and activities @Middleburg Heights

RSVP by March 29: gracecma.org/events