

Title: The Breath that Connects

Text: Psalm 150:6: *“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”*

Target: You were created for the pleasure of God, and when your pleasure is found in bringing Him pleasure, then your pleasure won't be found in empty pleasure but in eternal treasure!

1. **Our Purpose is Worship:** *“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.”* Romans 11:36
 - a. **Created to Worship:** *“I appeal to you, therefore, brothers...”* Romans 12:1a
 - b. **Cause for Worship:** *“...by the mercies of God,”* Romans 12:1
 - i. **Grace**
 - ii. **Mercy**
2. **Our Problem towards Worship:** *“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.”* Matthew 15:8
 - a. **Worship is more than a Service:** *“in vain do they worship me,”* Matthew 15: 9a
 - i. We make it about a PLACE
 - ii. We make it about a PRODUCTION
 - b. **Worship is more than a Style:** *“teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”* Matthew 15:9b
 - i. We make it about PREFERENCE
 - ii. We make it about being PROFITABLE
3. **Our Pursuit of Worship:** *“to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”* Romans 12:1b
 - a. **Living Sacrifice:**
 - i. **Requires Obedience:** *“to obey is better than sacrifice.”* 1 Samuel 15:22
 - ii. **Repeated Offering:** *“I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.”* 2 Samuel 24:24
 - b. **Loving Service:**
 - i. **Worship becomes our Focus:** *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”* Colossians 3:23
 - ii. **Worship becomes our Fuel:** *“So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”* 1 Corinthians 10:31
4. **Our Participation in Worship:** *“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory...”* Psalm 115:1
 - a. **Heart of Worship:** *“Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD.”* Psalm 134:2
 - i. **Individual Engagement**
 - ii. **Individual Expression**
 - b. **Hearing in Worship:** *“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”* John 4:24
 - i. **Receive Revelation**
 - ii. **Renders Response**
5. **Our Power through Worship** *“...be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”* Romans 12b
 - a. **Shift the Atmosphere:** *“let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”* Colossians 3:15
 - b. **Stops the Adversary:** *“And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men (enemy), so that they were routed.”* 2 Chronicles 20:22

Take Away: Worship is Life and Life is Worship