

The Heart of Worship

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Worship is a response.

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

39 Her sister, **Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.** **40** But Martha was **distracted** by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." **41** But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! **42** There is only **one thing** worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

John 11:29-32 (NLT)

29 So Mary immediately went to him. **30** Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. **31** When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. **32** When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell **at his feet** and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 12:1-3 (NLT)

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. **2** A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. **3** Then **Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume** made from essence of nard, and **she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.**

Worship isn't about getting something. It's about giving something.

When we behold God, we reflect on His nature & character.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"So then faith comes by **hearing, and hearing the word of God.**"

When we behold God, we remember who He is and what He has done for us.

Joshua 4:1-3, 7, 21-23 (NIV)

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, **2** “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, **3** and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

“**7**...These stones will stand as a **memorial** among the people of Israel forever. **21** Then Joshua said to the Israelites, ‘In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’

21 He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ **22** Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ **23 For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across**, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over.’”

We become what we behold.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (AMP)

but whenever a person turns [in repentance and faith] to the Lord, **the veil is taken away**. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom]. **18** And we all, **with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image** from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, **which comes from the Lord**, [who is] the Spirit.

Colossians 3:23 (CEB)

Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.