

Discipleship Training Manual: Lesson 9  
**Private Worship – Intimacy With God**

What is Private Worship?

- Private worship produces intimacy between you and God.
  - Intimacy is sharing of the heart, becoming close, and getting to know one another on a deep, communal, and personal level.
- Corporate worship is the coming together of Christians, usually in church, to sing songs of worship and speak words of adoration and praise to God.
- Private worship is the worshipping of God in song or words of adoration without anyone else being present.
- Private worship can be done without attending a regular church service.
- Private worship is a powerful tool to be used in your devotional time each day with God.

Why is Private Worship So Important?

**Amplified Version**

**Psalm 95:2** Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**Psalm 22:3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

- God literally inhabits the atmosphere of worship and praise. This gives us the opportunity to experience God on an outward level.
- The book of Psalms is one of the largest books in the Bible. There are 150 songs that are written primarily to God, many of them worship songs.
- God desires true worship and fellowship. He is actively seeking you to seek Him.

**John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

**John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

- Your appetite has changed, and you now desire and need fellowship and intimacy with your Father.

## The Benefits of Experiencing God in Private Worship

**Ephesians 5:15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

**Ephesians 5:16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

**Ephesians 5:17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

**Ephesians 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

**Ephesians 5:19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Ephesians 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

- Private worship can spiritually “intoxicate” you with the presence of God so that the cares of this life have no hold on the soul.
- Private worship brings an intimacy with God that fulfills each individual in every area of life.
- Private worship will help provide inoculation against:
  - Fears and phobias
  - Depression
  - Anxiety
  - Loneliness
  - And the list goes on...

## How Do I Privately Worship?

- Simple words of adoration.
  - I love you, I worship you, I adore you, I desire more of you, etc.
- Saying words of love in a repetitive but meaningful manner will develop a heart and lifestyle of private worship.
- Always depend on the Holy Spirit to help bring to your mind words that express your love and desire to become intimate with God.
- There is no legalism in the words you choose to express your love to God.
- This avenue to God’s presence should most definitely become a part of your daily devotional, and you will feel the effects of His love and peace as you live a life of worship.