

Stepping Into...

Genuine Worship

Whatever holds our gaze,
holds our heart.



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Luke 7:36-39 NIV

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Luke 7:40-43 NIV

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

Luke 7:44-50 NIV

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Mark 14:4-9 NIV

⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

How Can We Step Into Genuine Worship?

1. With Humility

James 4:6 NLT

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*”

Matthew 5:5 NIV

Blessed are the meek, *for they will inherit the earth.*

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2. Driven by Love

1 John 4:19 NIV

We love because He first loved us.

John 4:24 NKJV

God is Spirit, and those who **worship** (*proskuneo*) Him must **worship** (*proskuneo*) in Spirit and Truth.”

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3. With Willing Sacrifice

Genesis 22:5 NIV

He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will **worship** and *then we will come back to you.*”

Here I am (*Hineni*): before knowing what you will ask, YES.

2 Samuel 24:24a NIV

But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. **I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.**”

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4. With Courage

2 Samuel 6:14 NLT

And David **danced before the Lord** with all his might,
wearing a priestly garment.

Luke 7:44-47 NIV

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5. As You Are

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

Let us then approach *God's throne of grace* with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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