

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASS



SESSION ONE

FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS

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INTRODUCTION

The importance of worship

Phil 3:3

For we who worship God in the Spirit are the only ones who are truly circumcised. We put no confidence in human effort. Instead, we boast about what Christ Jesus has done for us.



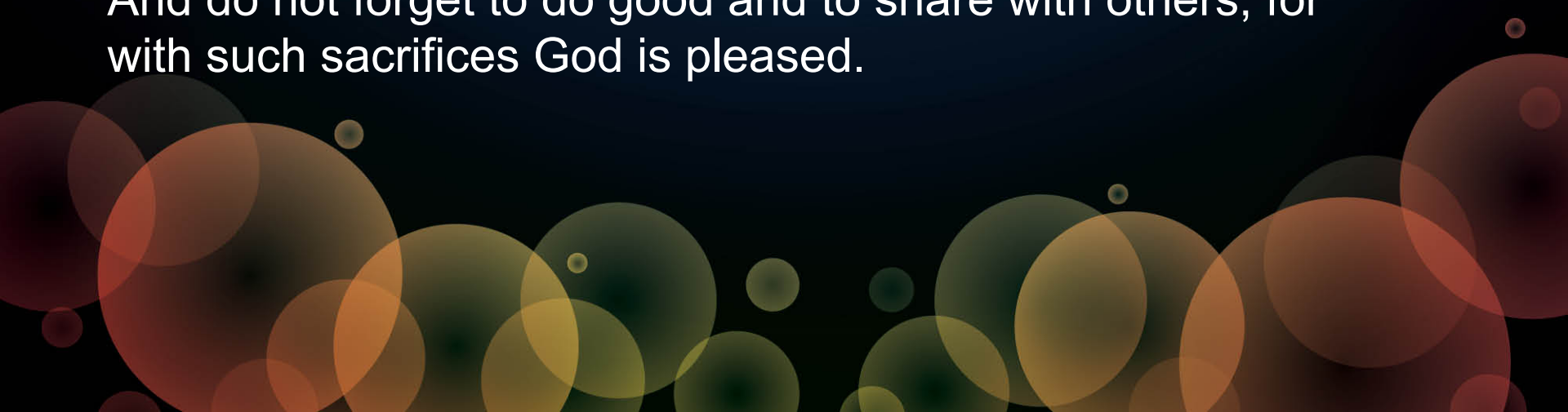
DEFINING WORSHIP

Harold Best

Worship is the continuous outpouring of all that I am, all that I have, and all that I can ever become, to God.

Heb 13:15-16

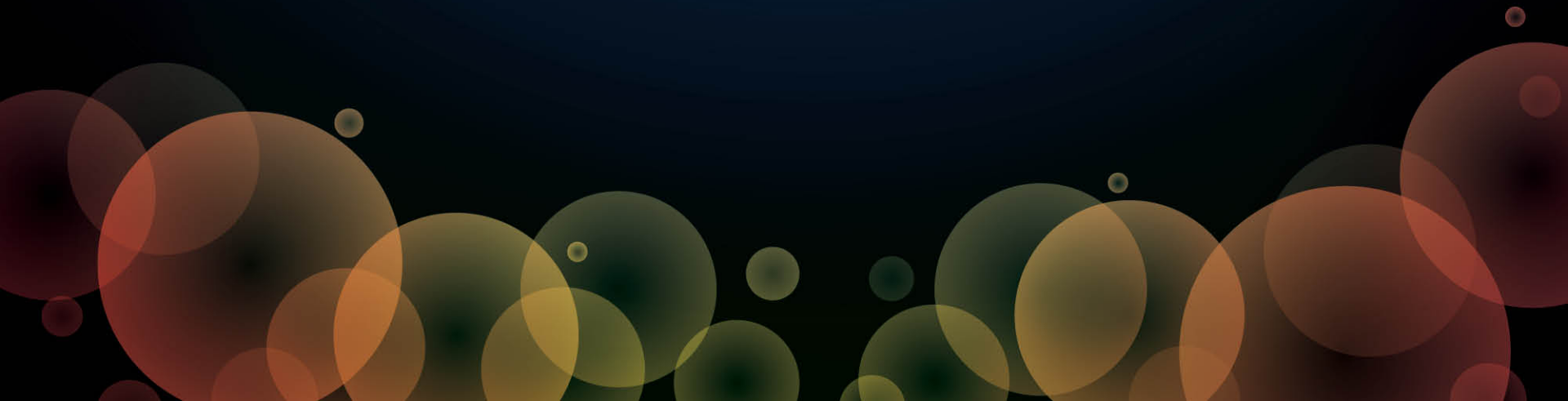
Through Jesus therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.



DEFINING WORSHIP

James MacDonald

Worship is the actual act of ascribing worth directly to God. Worshipful actions may do this indirectly, but when the Bible commands and commends worship as our highest expression, it is not talking about anything other than direct, intention, Vertical outpouring of adoration... Nothing brings glory down in church as quickly and as powerfully as when God's people unashamedly adore God's great Son, Jesus Christ.



DEVELOPMENTS IN WORSHIP MUSIC

1. Understanding the Power of Music

Plato

Give me the making of the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws, I will control its people.

Lamar Boschman

Music is one of mankind's fundamental avenues of communication, and one of the most successful because it transcends the conscious mind and reaches the subconscious. Music can bypass the gate that guards the entrance to the mind (which constantly tries to reduce the Word of God to what it can understand) and comes in another way. Music is 'heart to heart', 'spirit to spirit'.

DEVELOPMENTS IN WORSHIP MUSIC

2. Worship in the Old Testament

- 2 Sam 6:5
- Neh 12
- 2 Chron 29
- 2 Chron 20

3. Worship in the New Testament

- Phil 2:6-11
- Mt 28:30
- Eph 5:18-19; Col 3:16
- Acts 16
- Acts 2:42
- 1 Cor 14
- 1 Tim 2

DEVELOPMENTS IN WORSHIP MUSIC

4. Worship in the Dark Ages

5. Worship in the Reformation

Martin Luther

The Devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tenets for himself... I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place...

6. Wesleyan Holiness



DEVELOPMENTS IN WORSHIP MUSIC

7. The Modern Praise and Worship Movement

A > Bill and Gloria Gaither

B > The Jesus People – Calvary Chapel – Vineyard Movement

Andy Park

This new generation of Christians had to find a way to express their newfound love for Christ. In this milieu of radical cultural change and genuine spiritual renewal, it was only natural that a new style of worship would be born. Baby boomers rejected the rigid forms and styles of their parents' generation. For the boomers, rock music was their language of choice.

EMERGING TRENDS

1. The sources of worship songs are widening.
2. A change from keyboard-driven sounds to guitar-driven sounds to electronic midi sounds.
3. An increasing emphasis on the worship artist rather than the flow of worship.
4. Parochialism – the use of everyday language.



CHANGING APPROACHES

Tabernacle of Moses

Progression of worship

Structured worship

Planned

Worship leading as a science

Principles are taught

Platform-centred

Worship leader

Directed from the front

Led by worship leader

Worship leader as minister

Tabernacle of David

Immediate access

Unstructured worship

Spontaneous

Worship leading as an art

Principles are caught

Congregation-centred

Lead worshipper

Directed from the centre

Led by Holy Spirit

Congregation as ministers

FUNCTION OF A WORSHIP LEADER

A worship leader leads people into worship.



BIBLICAL BASIS

1 Chron 15:16ff

Asaph > one who gathers and removes reproach

Heman > one who is faithful

Ethan > consistent and permanent praise

Chenaniah > established by Jehovah

WORSHIP LEADER'S ROLE

Worship leader as:

1. Worshipper
2. Leader
3. Pastor
4. Prophet

TOOLKIT

1. The Word of God
2. A large song repertoire
3. Basic grasp of music
4. Develop the language of prayer
5. Confidence

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SESSION TWO

PREPARING A WORSHIP SET

