# Preparing to Worship

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"Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of Psalm 95:6-7 His hand."

### Preparing to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

- Understanding Worship:
  - Worship is to show proper honor and respect Psalm 2:11-12
  - While Scripture speaks of a reverent life of worship Romans 12:1-2
  - To *worship* is something more specific Acts 24:11, 17:23
  - It can be ignorant and in vain Acts 17:24; Matthew 15:8-9

"Any worship of God is to be an extension of who we are (i.e, not out of character for us), but it is still something we do with specific actions, in addition to how we live. This is not about worship being confined to a church building. It is about *intended* and *specific* actions as worship, weather individually or as a group."

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- The Need for Preparation:
  - There is a danger in habits Malachi 1:6-10
  - We need to understand what we are doing in worship
    - 1 Corinthians 14:13-15
  - We are God's priest 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

"We prepare ourselves so that we are ready. Those who participate in the worship activities - leaders, teachers, preachers, - know the importance of preparing their minds and getting themselves focused before they begin. There is no substitute for good preparation, and this is true for all worshipers."

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## PREPARING OUR HEARTS for MORSHIP

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- How Can I Prepare?
  - Preparation begins with my heart Matthew 15:8; 1 Corinthians 11:27-28
  - Preparation begins at home
  - Prepare to commune Hebrews 12:18-24; Matthew 26:29
  - Prepare to engage Hebrews 10:23-25; Ephesians 5:19
  - Make worship a priority Psalm 95

Why are you waiting? ARISE and BE BAPTIZED, and wash away your sins, CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. (Acts 22:16)