

What Worship is Supposed to Be Psalm 122

Worship should be a time of:

- 1. Gladness. (1)**
 - **Worship should feel like a celebration, not a funeral.**
- 2. Testimony. (4)**
 - **Remember how the saints used to talk about “testifying?”**
 - **Perhaps if there were more faithfulness to God through the week, there would be more testimony in God’s house on the weekend.**
- 3. Thanksgiving. (4)**
 - **What do we have to be thankful for? For starters, just consider all the blessings mentioned in Psalm 103:3-5.**
- 4. Submission. (5)**
 - **The children of Israel would go up to Jerusalem to receive judgments from the leaders of the twelve tribes.**
 - **Deut. 17:9ff commanded the children of Israel to submit themselves to those judgments.**
 - **In like manner, worship is the time when God adjudicates all the affairs of our life through His inerrant Word.**
 - **Worship is a time set aside for discerning and submitting to the judgments of God.**
- 5. Peace. (6-9)**
 - **There’s a reason the early church experienced the awesome power of God. “They had peace...” (Acts 9:31).**
 - **It’s for good reason God’s house has long been known as a sanctuary. Worship should be a place of refuge and peace.**