

Worship & Prayer: An understanding of the difference ...

What is **Worship**? What is **Prayer**? It is a personal definition of each that gives us ultimate peace with ourselves and our Creator.

For me personally ...

WORSHIP is my love relationship with God 24/7. It is that personal place I go with Him that no one else goes. It can then manifest itself outwardly in praise, song, dance, instrument, how I relate to others and so forth. It is also a place I can share with others and they share with me as, together, we express our adoration and awe for Him. We do this together silently or vocally. Oh, He delights in both the individual and corporate worship.

PRAYER is my conversation with God 24/7 that can manifest itself in silence, vocally praying alone or with others. It is listening and asking. It is discussing and learning. It is the joy of speaking to a best friend who knows before I (we) even whisper but who also takes delight in hearing me (us) express in words. Oh, He delights in both the individual and corporate prayer.

We truly cannot make time in our day for God for He is our day. So, our worship and prayer are 24/7 whether we are at our desk, washing dishes, playing with the kids, cleaning the streets, in the classroom or boardroom or bedroom. We are one with Him 24/7. However, there are times we come away from all activities just to enjoy quiet time alone with Him where we can listen more keenly as He speaks to us. We gain much inner strength and clear direction from this *alone* time. Jesus also enjoyed the quiet time in Mark 1:35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed". There are also those precious moments when we schedule convenient prayer times that we enjoy with others.

Just remember that it never ends ... worship and prayer. While we schedule alone and together times, it is all within a 24/7 existence with Him. He is our day! It is where our very life becomes a prayer.

In our state of being one with God 24/7, our very worship becomes our prayer. This is the bringing together of the two.

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