

Don't you just love worship?! It's great when we get an exciting song and we're all singing and praising God in our hearts and in our spirits. Many times, we come closest to God when we worship with song and praise. We are able to release ourselves from our self-made boundaries and really give ourselves to God.

However, we don't have to stop worshipping when the music stops. We've come to relate music to worship but that was not always the case, nor should it be. We can and should be worshipping God all the time, in all we do. We are told that everything we do, we should do as if we were doing it for God. That means that we can and should devote *everything* we do to God. This makes even the most menial task a type of worship!

Typically, we want to think of worship as something that brings us closer to God, as something that gives us that "spiritual high". That's good. We should want to be closer to God and have that feeling of closeness. However, part of the reason we love the music time of service is because we have in our hearts and minds an attitude of worship *for that time*. How would it feel to have that spiritual high during the entire service? It wasn't that long ago that the typical church called the entire service, "Worship". Only recently have we changed the concept of worship to mean the music part.

I think this change has hurt our relationship more than helped. In essence, we now worship God for fifteen or twenty minutes on Sunday morning (or sometimes when we have the music playing in the car), when we are told that we should be worshipping God always. Let's make the effort to do everything as worship. Let's study, read, pray, and even perform our jobs as an offering to God. I think we will find that we can worship God outside of the praise songs that we've come to limit ourselves to.