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*A tool of
the devil*

There are six major media giants controlling 90% of what we watch, read or listen, resulting in a revenue of 275.9 billion dollars.

Some of the things the media has convinced the American people to be afraid of; Terrorists, Nuclear attack, Immigrants, Muslims, Isis, Al-Qaeda, North Korea, Kim Jong-un, Russia, Vladimir Putin, China.



Because war is profitable



2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Chronicles 7:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:13-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ *Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.* ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

The force of fear assaults the confidence of the heart.

Psalm 57:7 (NASB)

⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

Psalm 146:1-2 (NASB)

- ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² I will praise the LORD while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
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Psalm 147:1 (NASB)

- ¹ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant *and* praise is becoming.

Psalm 148:1-5 (NASB)

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

Psalm 149:1 (NASB)

¹ Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the congregation of the godly
ones.

Psalm 150:1-6 (NASB)

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty expanse. ² Praise Him
for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to
His excellent greatness. ³ Praise Him with
trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Psalm 150:1-6 (NASB)


⁴ Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe. ⁵ Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

We have gone from Choirs to Praise Teams

- From Organs to Praise Bands
- From Choir Bells to Drums
- From Robes to Casual Clothes
- From Bright Lights to Colored Lights
- From lights that are Stagnant to Lights that move
- From Bright Backdrops to Black Backdrops enhanced with color & haze

A mystery of worship is that worship is not about us, it is about God.

- God doesn't need our worship.
- God never changes, but when we worship, we are the ones that change.
- Worship takes our eyes off of the chaos of life, and turns our eyes of Jesus.



Definition of worship: the feeling or expression
of reverence and adoration for a deity.

"the worship of God"



2 Corinthians 3:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ and *are* not like Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.


¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:15-18 (NASB)

¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed...metamorphic

This is what worship does if we are willing to embrace:

- You come with turmoil and you leave with peace
- You come seeking that which you don't understand and you leave with wisdom
- You come facing the impossible and you leave with the possible
- You come looking for love and you leave with unconditional love



*When you feel that you are becoming
distracted, begin to praise and worship our
Lord.*

*In doing so, you take your eyes off of the
problem and you put them on the promise.*

