

December 13th

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

I love to worship, that's no secret. In exultation, no doubt. When I sing to God and help lead others to His presence, I am my truest self. This song reminds me of God's holiness and the contradiction that is the invitation from perfection extended to me- a sinner- to worship in His throne room. In "O Come Let Us Adore Him" I can sense the excitement of the shepherds, rushing to meet the King, signaled by a bright star in the dark night. I am thrilled by the line, "the word of the Father, now in flesh appearing". Knowing that night was planned since time began, the beginning of reconciliation between God and his people.

Adoration comes from the Latin "adorare", which means to worship, to speak and to pray. To adore is to venerate; or bestow utmost respect. We typically adore that which is most precious to us. Our truest form of worship is complete and unashamed adoration of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who loves us and considers US worthy to be in his presence.

Worship is in the daily discard of our idols- those things that we allow to tell us who we are and what we devote our time, talent and energy towards- anything that is not the true God. Jesus talks about those who honor Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from him in Matthew 15. I don't want to just attend church and sing another song out of duty or expectation. I want to worship as a response to Him.

Worship is acknowledgment of Him as Author of life, the one who knows the hills and valleys of our individual human struggle. It's remembering that He is the God who sees us in our dark places. He never leaves us. It's also thanking the God who puts us on the mountaintops of our lives and remembering His provision.



Worship is the true connection of our frail human heart with the strong, steadfast and pure love of God. In relationship with Him, we come to know our God given identity and learn to walk it out so we can glorify Him with our lives. This is the offering- our very selves. Our agenda, our emotions and our desires.

Amazingly, as this song reminds us, we are worshiping Him alongside the heavenly host as citizens of heaven. Right now! Revelation 7:11 states, "And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God." Deuteronomy 34:43a states, "Rejoice with him, you heavens, and let all of God's angels worship him. Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles, and let all the angels be strengthened in him." What a beautiful thought it is- right now, angels surround him and heap pure praise upon him. And yet, He desires YOUR worship. What only you can bring. How will you adore him this season?

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