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“There is, in my opinion no more important topic in Christian theology than worship, properly understood and no more significant activity in the Christian life than worshipping God. I must confess to feeling overwhelmed by the subject, just as the object of our worship is the truly overwhelming God of the universe. Worship is the most important service we could ever perform toward God.” - Richard Averbeck, TEDS

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Worship is: “the human *response* to the self-revelation of the triune God by the worshipper of joyful adoration, reverence, humility, submission and obedience.” -

David Nelson, Authentic Worship, Herbert W Bateman IV, general editor, Kregel Books

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“The activity of glorifying God in His presence with our voices and hearts.”

Wayne Grudem

“To give extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem.” -

Webster

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Why? The Reason We're Here

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Genesis 17:3 - “Abram fell facedown and God said to him...”

Numbers 20:6 - “Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell facedown and the glory of the Lord appeared to them.”

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1 Chronicles 21:16 - "... Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown."

Ezekiel 1:28 - "This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking."

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Daniel 10:4-9,15 - "I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightening, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze and his voice like the sound of a multitude..."

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such terror overwhelmed them...
I fell...trembling on my hands and
knees...While he was saying this to me,
I bowed with my face toward the ground
and was speechless.”

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Leviticus 9:23, 24 - “Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.”

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Revelation 7:9, 11 - "...before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and nation, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb... All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God..."

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“Why?” Do We Worship At All

1. We were created to worship.

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Genesis 1: 26 - God speaking, “...Let us make man in our own image, in our likeness and let him rule...”

v. 27 - “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

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Genesis 2:7 - “The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

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Isaiah 43:7

“*Everyone* who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I
formed and made.”

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Make/made: עָשָׂה “asah” : to make, to complete, make perfect

Created: בָּרָא “bara”: to shape or create - referencing newness or freshness

Formed: יָצַר “yatsar”: to fashion, to detail, to shape what has already been produced

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1. We were created to worship.
2. We are convicted to worship.

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Isaiah 6:5

“Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

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**Psalm 2:11 - “Serve the LORD with fear
and rejoice with trembling.”**

**Psalm 95 - “Come let us sing for joy to the
LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of
our salvation. Let us come before him ...
Come let us bow down in worship, let us
kneel...”**

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Psalm 96 -

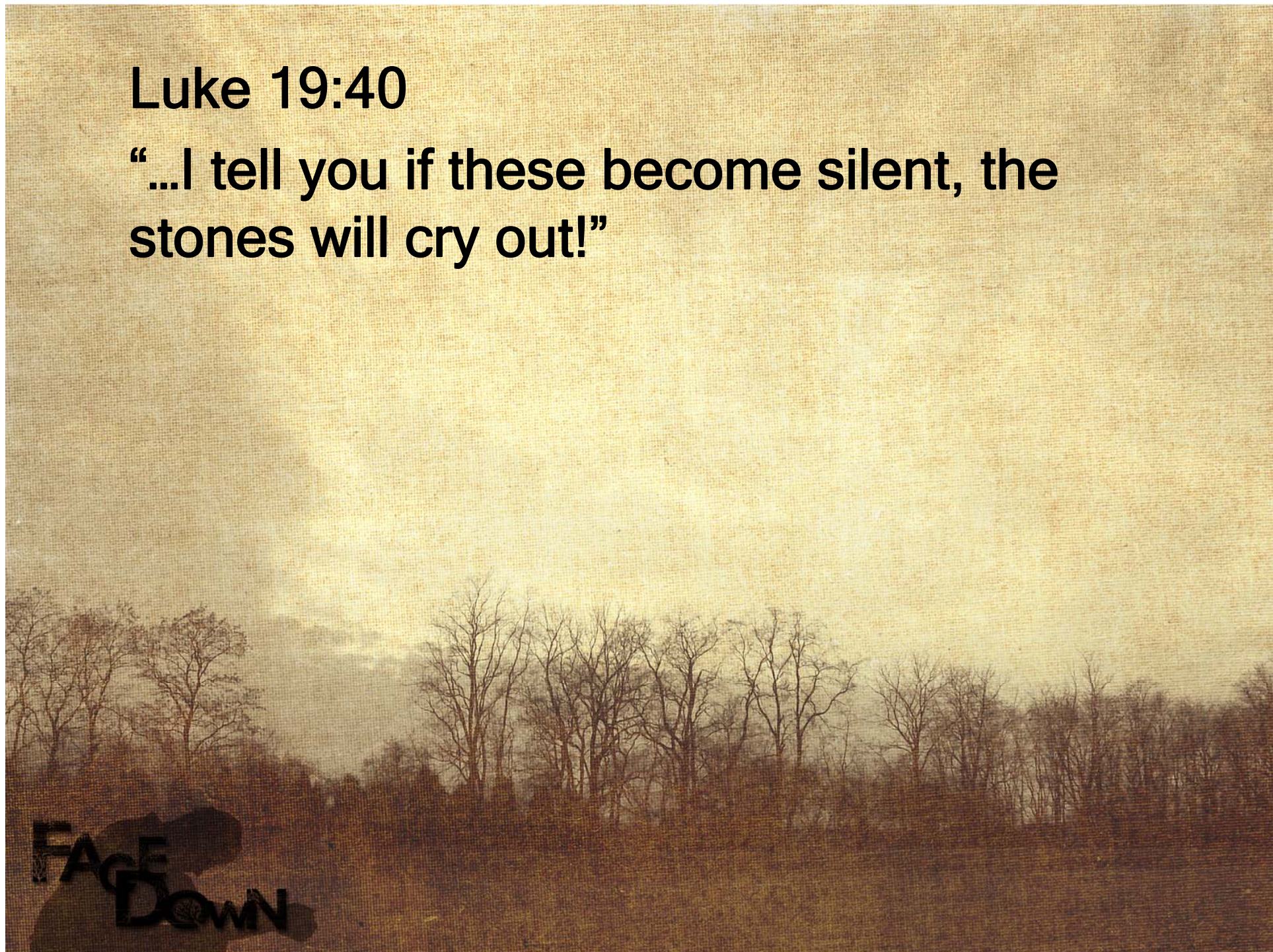
“Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth... Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.”

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Luke 19:40

“...I tell you if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

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3. We are called to *worship together*.

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Psalm 133:1

**“How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when
brothers live together in harmony!”**

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John 17:11, 20

“Now I am departing the world; I am leaving them behind and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them and care for them—all those you have given me—so that they will be united just as we are.

²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony.

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John 17:21,22

21“My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are.”

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Acts 2:42,46

“They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer....

46 “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

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Acts 2:47

“All the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.”

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Hebrews 10:23-25

“Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.”

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4. We are challenged to live a life of worship.

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1 Samuel 3:10

Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

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Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go for us?"
And I said, "Lord, I'll go! Send me."

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Romans 12:1

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

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1 Corinthians 10:31

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

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Does my life reflect the reason I was created?

Do I glorify God?

Do I revere God?

Do I see my relationship with fellow believers as one that reflects the union of Christ with the Father?

Do I worship the triune God in everything that I do?

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