

# Worship That Produces Intimacy

Quick Sheet ✓

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## Sing TO — Don't Sing About Him

*Sing **to the** Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 96: 1 NIV)*

Don't sing about Him but sing To Him. It makes all the difference. When you sing about Him you list back to Him His characteristics. When you sing to Him you tell Him how much He means to you. When you sing to Him you tell Him how much you love Him. When you sing to Him you tell Him how much you appreciate Him loving Him. When you sing to Him it becomes personal and not just a statement about Him.

## Simple — Intimacy Demands Simplicity

*"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Revelation 5:13*

Complex songs can distract from focusing on Him. The simpler the better. Meditate on each phrase carefully. Repetition of simple phrases reinforces His desire for us. The Bible is full of this pattern: Psalm 136 has 26 repetitions of the phrase "His love endures forever."

## Emotional — Worship Needs to Engage Our Emotions

An encounter with God requires an emotional connection or else it is not complete. There is no need to be afraid of our emotions. God is an emotional God. Emotional encounters are the ones that transform our lives. Intellectual encounters alone are only partial encounters.

## Physical

Get your whole body involved and freedom will come.

**Voice:** *"I love the LORD, because He hears my voice." (Psalm 116:1 NASB)*

**Eyes:** *"To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!" (Psalm 123:1)*

**Hands:** *"Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!" (Psalm 47:1)*

**Feet:** *David, wearing an a linen ephod, danced before the Lord with all his might (2 Samuel 6:14)*

## Spirit Led

*God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship in Spirit and in Truth. John 4:24*

Be flexible and involve your Spirit and the Holy Spirit and not just your brain. The Holy Spirit will guide you into how to best communicate with Jesus at the moment. Listen for ideas and direction.

***We want to know  
God and His ways,  
but we also want to  
experience God!  
We want to know  
first hand His love  
for us.***

***He is an awesome  
omnipotent God! A  
God that is Holy  
and fills the  
Universe.  
But He can also be  
known as an  
intimate Father  
that cares  
personally for you.  
Here are 5 things  
you can do in your  
worship that will  
help to produce  
intimacy with Him.***