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GOD'S GREATEST COMMAND

Raising Awareness That Worship Is a Biblical Priority of Life



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ENDORSEMENTS

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God's greatest commandment deserves our greatest response, and the greatest gift we will ever give this world is our intimacy with God. Terry Williams has so biblically and anointedly reminded us in *WORSHIP On Demand* that the source of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength is founded in a lifestyle and lifetime of WORSHIP!

Terry speaks so clearly to all of us born and raised in the church culture how CRITICAL, and also how POWERFUL, worship can transform both our lives and God's Kingdom. I've known Terry for twenty years, and he is a passionate and authentic worshiper and follower of Jesus Christ. The timeless truths found in *WORSHIP On Demand* are freshly RELEVANT and desperately NEEDED in our churches and in our lives today.

CHARLES BILLINGSLEY | Worship Leader, Concert
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To worship the Lord with our whole heart and soul is the Great Commandment. To reach the world with the good news of the Gospel is the Great Commission. In his book *WORSHIP On Demand*, Terry Williams brilliantly teaches us the important truths of how these two basic functions of the Christian life are the foundation for how we are supposed to live. Grounded in Scripture and backed by over four decades of ministry and leadership experience, Terry Williams offers us a wonderful perspective on what it means to worship God through every aspect of our lives. This is a great, informative, and potentially life-changing book for many believers. I would encourage you to take the time and read it.

JOSEPH BOLIN | Dean, Collinsworth School of Music,
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WORSHIP On Demand stands as a powerful and persuasive testament to the seminal exercise of worship for all believers. Furthermore, it is the culmination of a life-message from a man who has served the Body of Christ faithfully and dedicated his life to living out the Great Commandment.



JOHN ROGER BRELAND | Executive Director,
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I have known Terry and his love for worship and excellence for many years. His past successes could dim in the light of this amazing new book. *WORSHIP On Demand* is destined to become a reference and text for worship classes. In chapter one Terry speaks of three “MUSTS” ... I wish to add a fourth ... This book is a MUST read for all worshipers! Get ready worshipers, this book is going to help, hurt, challenge, and encourage all of us! Well done, Terry!

MAC BRUNSON | Valleydale Baptist Church,
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God calls for worship. Man was created to worship. Satan longs to conscript the worship that is due God from man. Man, ultimately underestimates his need for it. He also undervalues the importance and impact of worship. You can be sure anything that prohibits our worship is the work of the devil.

Terry Williams writes not from the perspective of an analytical theologian, but with the hot heart of a man who worships God. Terry has overseen countless worship services through the years in innumerable churches across the land.

This book however, comes not from a man who leads worship . . . but from a man who lives worship. How grateful we are for one whose commitment is to pay the price, stay the course, lift the heart, engage the mind, and raise the voice in worship.

MICHAEL CATT | Senior Pastor, Sherwood Church,
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Written from the heart of an excellent worship leader, Terry is a visionary who writes from his own desire to see worship move from an event on Sundays to a lifestyle for all Christ-followers. As you read these pages from *WORSHIP On Demand*, you'll be given a fresh perspective on what it means to present your life as an offering and living sacrifice to God. May the Lord raise up more men and women who understand the meaning and purpose of worship and move beyond an experience to a lifestyle pleasing to God.





SAMPLE WRITINGS

Having been on a long-term journey to know more about God and His passion to receive all of my heart in worship, I am convinced now more than ever . . . the Church has been deceived, distracted, and, to my disappointment, divided from the one thing God desires from us the most—worship.

Our love for God must be stronger than our love for family, friends, neighbors, or even a lost world. Total dependency, total pursuit, total passion, and total submission IS what God is demanding—all heart, all soul, all mind, all strength, all the time!

The greatest love is God's love toward us. The greatest obedience is our love to God. Our greatest work is to love others. Our greatest offering is our complete sacrifice. Our greatest tool is the Gospel.

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To debate loving lost souls before loving God is a risky, slippery slope. Remember, our God is a jealous God (see Exodus 20:5, 34:14). When we are jealous, we think the

world revolves around us; when God is jealous, it's because the world does revolve around Him. What He is envious of, already belongs to Him. Worship, praise, honor, and adoration belong to God alone, for He alone is truly worthy of it. Anything or anyone who wins our affection over God, becomes the thing we worship. There are warnings in putting things first before God.

What I have discovered from Scripture is that Great-Commandment obedience married with Great-Commission submission is the key to God's power, provision, and purpose for the believer as well as the Church. I am driven by exhorting the Great Commandment as the spiritual fuel by which the Gospel and the Great Commission are to be accomplished.

We hear the terms radicalized, self-radicalized, radicalization, self-radicalization, and we watch as men and women strap on



vests loaded with explosives and sacrifice their lives along with the lives

of innocent people for a religious cause that believes in total sacrifice. While we may criticize their cause, and disdain the results, fact is, their level of obedience, submission, and sacrifice regarding our obedience to the Great Commandment is exactly what God is asking of us.

The next spiritual great awakening will not come from a horizontal, works-based enterprise. It will come from a passionate, obedience-based pursuit of the power, purpose, and presence of a Holy God.

At that point, we will encounter His promises fulfilled and His glory revealed to all nations.

We tip the hat at loving God and immediately emphasize loving our neighbor. It's as if loving God is an automatic. We assume people love God because they attend church, they're involved in ministry causes, and they go on mission trips.

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That assumption has become our Achilles heel. We are limping at best in our ability to impact the world around us. The multiplying principle found in God's promise, embedded in the Great Commandment, has not even been tapped into.

If we are right about the Great Commission, we will reach some, while continuing on a path of decline. If we're wrong in our response to the Great Commandment, we will have overlooked our greatest hope, God's greatest promise, represented in His greatest command.

Our oversight of the Great Commandment has the potential to greatly diminish all other horizontal works of ministry.

We must be careful to not glorify the Gospel over the God of the Gospel. For our worship is:

- Grounded in the greatness of God,
- Planted in the power of God,



- Rooted in the righteousness of God, and
- Sealed in our salvation that only God can provide.

When it comes to worship—God has spoken! There is no conflict in Scripture regarding its priority. We can no longer resist the priority God places on His greatest commandment of all. We may recognize His divine nature and eternal power, yet never accept or obey His greatest command. It is inexcusable for Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching people to ignore this command.

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In the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, America found itself in the exact place God desired for us to be: still, quiet, dependent, seeking, a feeling of hopelessness, weak, helpless, fearful, and trusting.

It is in our weakness that God proves Himself to be strong. It is when we're vulnerable that He protects us; when we're helpless, He provides hope. It is in our greatest moments of fear that He provides perfect peace. Our recognition of the strength, power, and presence of Holy God is exactly what He's looking for. It is in this feeling of isolation and loneliness we are able to focus in on the true priorities of our life.

Psychologists tell us the number-one emotion every human being will experience is loneliness. We were created with an automatic void that must be filled. Our culture has said we can fill it with friends, fame, fortune, and fun.

There is only one thing that can truly satisfy the soul and fill the longing in our hearts: it is the presence of the Lord who is high and lifted up.

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When true worship occurs, we become:

- Biblically informed,
- Spiritually illuminated,
- Supernaturally enriched, and
- Missionally engaged.

Our Church culture has developed spiritual ADD. We have been distracted and diverted by so many well-intended ministries and activities that we have a hard time focusing on the one thing God created us for . . . worship.

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A worshiping person ... worships sent; for real worship always witnesses. The world has yet to see what an army of fully obedient worshipers would be able to accomplish who are declaring the goodness, greatness, and glory of God. The world needs to see what a fully devoted worshiper looks like when God's presence is made manifest in a believer's life. It's the fire of the Gospel being propelled out of the fire of a passionate, loving worshiper who is sharing their witness in a fervent way.

The American Church is not being destroyed from the outside in; it is being deconstructed from the inside out. Combined with our lack of unity, we have held a substandard understanding and practice of biblical lifestyle worship. We have been so enamored with what we are accomplishing in our work, we have failed to see the benefits of living out our worship on a daily basis.

I've heard it said, the definition of insanity is—"Doing what you've always done, and expecting different results." Institutionalism, ritualism, denominationalism, and traditionalism have caused a passivism among many churches and believers.

We are going to be held accountable for the priority we place on worship. Unless we are obedient to this command, we are guilty of insubordination. We will not have a burden for the lost until we have a passion for God.



- God's love for us is a gift (reward).
- Our love for God is a process (response).
- Our love for man is a by-product (result).

I challenge you to be challenged by God's holy Word! Consider the possibility that His ultimate plan for the Church and all of mankind is wrapped up in His greatest command of all! We must believe Him, trust Him, obey Him, allow Him to activate His promises in direct proportion to our obedience.

Clearly, obedience to His command will lead to increase. Conversely, disobedience will lead to ineffectiveness and decline. Stands to reason, those who are serious about investing time, resources, strategies, and research into God's greatest commandment will encounter some level of increase. Those who redirect their focus will likely encounter a plateau or decline.

This clear and present biblical knowledge must change the way we worship, the way we work, and the way we witness.

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Applying appropriate protocols to God's chronological commands is a must if we're going to follow through with God's original intent to multiply Christianity.

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That level of impact will not occur solely by our work and witness. It is going to take a radical "counter-Church, counter-cultural, counter-we've-always-done-it-this-way-before" shift in our thinking and practice to push back the darkness with the light of the Gospel and the glory of God! The clarion call for the Church today is a full-on obedient return to God's greatest command of all. The jealousy of God expects it, the Gospel requires it, and the Word of God demands it!



In worship, we bring “the sacrifice of praise [with us] into the house of the Lord.” That level of sacrifice is the beginning of unity. We do not come to the house of the Lord to worship; we bring our worship with us. In doing so, we sacrifice our personal preference, our opinion, our tradition, and our offering unto the Lord who is worthy of our best expression as well as our finest sacrifice.

This is exactly what God is asking of us and more. If we will raise awareness that worship is a biblical priority of life and become

radically obedient to God’s first and greatest of ALL commandments, He promises we will be blessed with prolonged days, possession of a land flowing with milk and honey, and we WILL multiply greatly.

Trust Him, believe Him, obey Him, and watch Him be God!

