

# Getting Ready For Church

# Psalm 122

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”  
Our feet are standing  
in your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city  
that is closely compacted together.  
That is where the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
to praise the name of the LORD  
according to the statute given to Israel.  
There the thrones for judgment stand,  
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May those who love you be secure.  
May there be peace within your walls  
and security within your citadels.”  
For the sake of my brothers and friends,  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”  
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your prosperity.









*Disciples regularly gather in an assigned place at an assigned time to collectively worship their God.*





*Authentic worship is volitional:*  
Disciples go to church because they want to.





*“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”*

P S A L M 1 2 2 : 1



A landscape photograph showing a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of mountains and a single tree on the right are visible against the bright horizon.

*going to church is good for you!*

**Disciples center their lives around  
the time and place of worship.**



# 3 COMPELLING REASONS FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

**#1**  
Corporate Worship  
**FORMS** us



*“Jerusalem is a well-built city; its seamless walls cannot be breached. All the tribes of Israel—the LORD’s people—make their pilgrimage here. They come to give thanks to the name of the LORD, as the law requires of Israel.”*

P S A L M 1 2 2 : 3 - 4

Corporate Worship **FORMS** us



A decorative graphic in the top right corner consisting of a grid of squares. Some squares are solid light blue, while others contain images of a blue sky with clouds or a sunset with a silhouette of a person.

# *A Foundational Reality*

*God created you, has redeemed you  
as His own and for His purposes,  
and has provided for you.*



# 3 COMPELLING REASONS FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

## #2

Corporate Worship  
**TRANSFORMS** us



*“The tribes go up... to praise the  
name of the LORD according to the  
statute given to Israel.”*

P S A L M 1 2 2 : 4

Corporate Worship **TRANSFORMS** us





*Corporate worship keeps us returning  
to God's commands—in heartfelt  
praise and overflowing gratitude.*

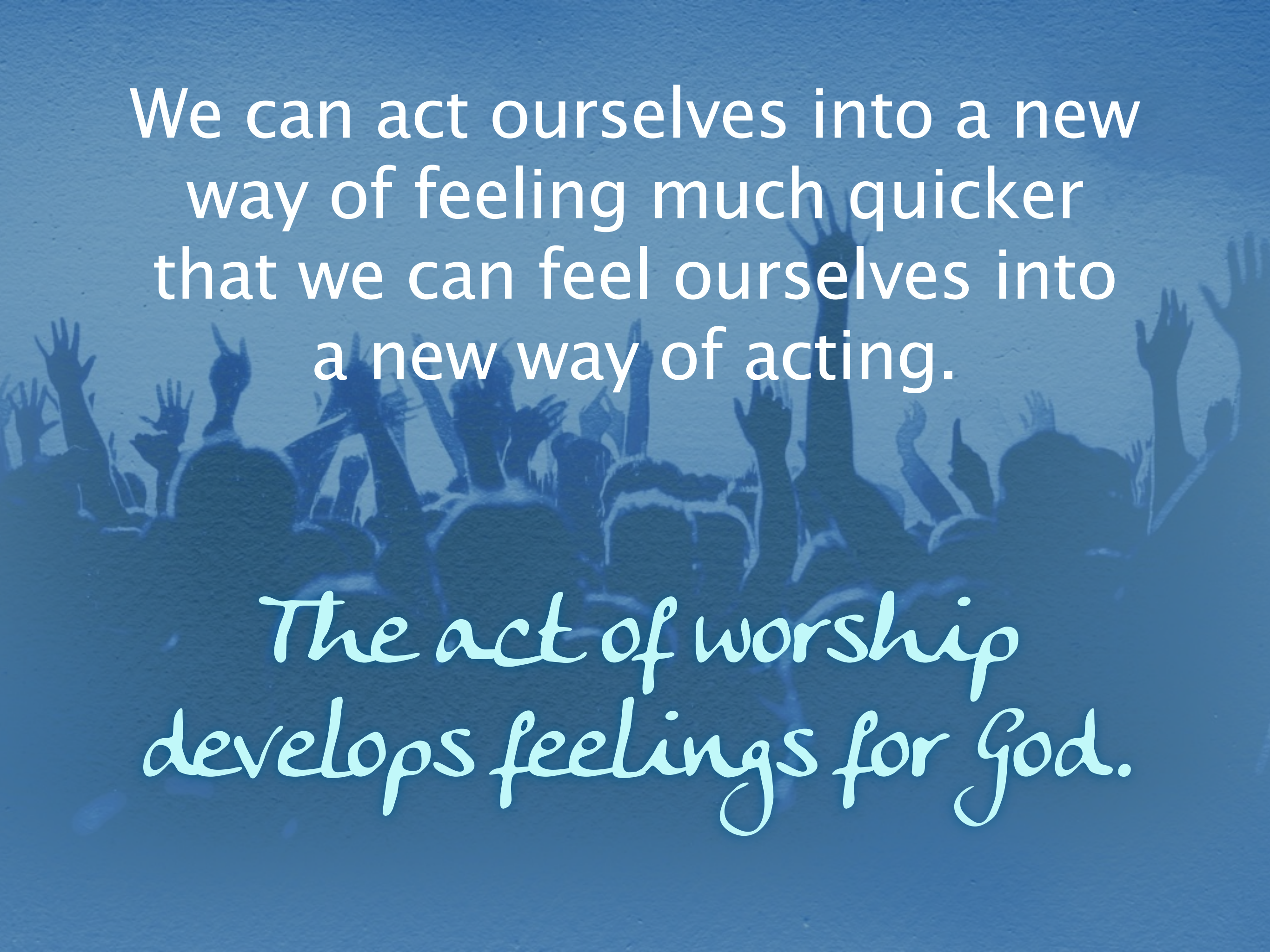


A stained glass window featuring a religious figure, likely a pope or bishop, with a long white beard and a mitre. The figure is holding a large open book and a crozier. The background is a deep blue, and the figure's robes are decorated with gold crosses. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

*“A Christian should be an  
alleluia from head to foot.”*

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We can act ourselves into a new  
way of feeling much quicker  
that we can feel ourselves into  
a new way of acting.

*The act of worship  
develops feelings for God.*





# 3 COMPELLING REASONS FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

## #3

Corporate Worship  
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*“There the thrones for judgment stand, the  
thrones of the house of David.”*

P S A L M 1 2 2 : 5

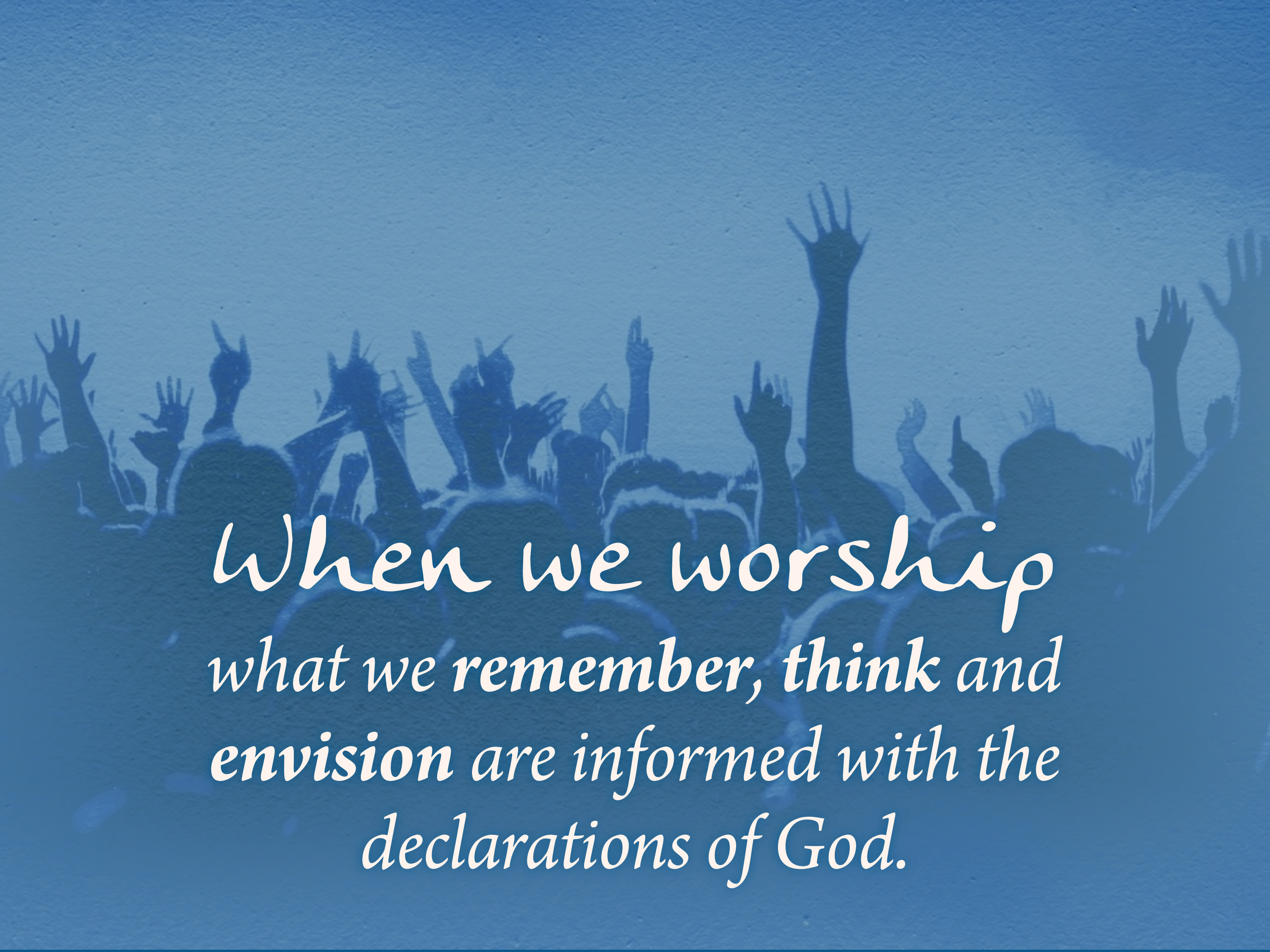
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# Judgment

God's decisive word by which He  
straightens out and puts things right.





*When we worship  
what we remember, think and  
envision are informed with the  
declarations of God.*





# *Worship Makes a Difference*

*“Pray...”*  
*Psalm 122:6*

**PRAYER:** The transition from worship back to our world, taking God with us into our business between Sundays.





# *Worship Makes a Difference*

Corporate worship doesn't satisfy our need for God's presence; it sharpens it so that it spills over the hour of worship and saturates the week of living with His presence.





# *Worship Makes a Difference*

*“Peace...”*

*Psalm 122:6-8*

**PEACE:** The wholeness and security of being formed, transformed and informed by God’s presence.





*Worship Makes a Difference*

*“Prosperity...”*

*Psalm 122:9*

**PROSPERITY:** The leisurely attitude of knowing that everything is right because God is over you and always has the final say-so in your life.



Corporate worship  
is the pause that  
sharpens the  
disciple on the  
long journey in the  
same direction  
toward God.

