

WHAT'S IN A SONG?

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Heart of Worship

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Let me return to the heart of the matter. It's where I go when I need to refocus or ground myself. When I remember why I do what I do, I have continued purpose for doing it.

It is easy for repetitive action to become obsession; as something that must be done, like a talisman that guides us to staying out of trouble or getting what we want. Sometimes I find my personal superstitions amusing, but sometimes thoughts that say, "if I do this, God will love me more" tend to hinder my walk.

Faith is a journey of discovering the love of God, confident in the tools he has provided to seek and find him. Care is always needed when considering extra options for "finding God" that present themselves to me, as I may run the risk of drifting from the path he leads me to an environment of my own making, or someone else's opinions of how I should interact with my Creator and Saviour. On this journey, this is a dangerous road that can lead to distraction.

God calls me to honour and worship him, to give him the glory for all he has done in my life. Through human eyes, I will see it as duty, coercion, and agenda. I have heard such assumptions and it has given me pause for thought. Perhaps our personal views of God are related to our view of our own capacities.

If I believe I can explain everything about the Almighty, I might have reason to see God as a bit of a threat to my liberty and free will. However, if I consider that my liberty and free will is a gift from God, I might be more appreciative of the love and adventure that comes from the God who says he loves me abundantly and without limit. God comes from a place of truth, and he requires truth from us. True worship starts from a very personal place.¹

God's word teaches that he knows all and doesn't do anything without a reason. Why does he invite me to call him Father? Because he loves me like his child. Why would we cast all our cares on Christ? Because he is our Saviour, and he cares for us². Why does he call me to worship? Because he wants me to see the world through his eyes and trust him anyway.³

Worship allows me to leave the distractions of this life (busyness, self-indulgence, climbing the career ladder, making a name for myself...) and focus on the Author and Finisher of my faith⁴. It is this perspective that gives my worship meaning.⁵ *Welcome back to worship!*

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart...

I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required

You search much deeper within, through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about you all about you, Jesus

I'm sorry Lord for the thing I made it when it's all about you all about you, Jesus

1. Psalm 51:6 (NKJV) | 2. 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) | 3. Proverbs 3:5-6 | 4. Hebrews 12:2(NKJV) | 5. Matthew 6:33(NKJV)