

THE PATHWAY OF WORSHIP

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1. Why The “Pathway”?

a) Defining worship

“Worship is a believer’s response to God’s revelation of Himself. It is expressing wonder, awe, and gratitude for the worthiness, the greatness, and the goodness of our Lord. It is the appropriate response to God’s person, His provision, His power, His promises, and His plan”

b) “Pathway”

- A route or a way of access to a destination
- A series of steps on a journey towards a desired goal

2. The Biblical Pattern and Pathway

a) Tabernacle of Moses

- Enter His gates – Ps 95:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

- Expressions of praise
 - Vocal
 - Visible
 - Volitional

- Encounter His presence – Ps 95:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice...

Practical Suggestions For Free Worship (By Averil Leong)

Verbal

(Can be done in conjunction with other appropriate non-verbal activities)

Speak

- Declare a particular truth (found in the songs) over your life or the life of someone you know until it becomes alive in your spirit.
 - Eg. "Your Grace IS enough", "Thank you, Lord!", "Hallelujah!", "Your Grace is more than enough for me!"

Shout

- Can be done during the appropriate loud segments like at the end of praise, high praise, intense moments of declaration.
 - Eg. Hallelujah, victory shout, any exaltation

Sing

1. With words :

- Repeat the last line, segment or any part of the song or any word that sticks with your spirit.
 - Eg. "This is our God", "Servant n King, Rescued the world, this is our God", "Your grace is enough", "Hallelujah"
- Names, virtues, deeds of God
 - Eg. Saviour, Redeemer, Full of compassion, Great in mercy, Lover of my soul

- Thanksgiving and praise
 - Eg. Thank you for the Cross, thank You for Your sacrifice, thank You for Your love, I love You, I adore You, I worship You
- Relate to Him, personalise the words
 - Eg. You're my peace, You're my Healer, I put my trust in You, forever faithful friend...

2. Without words :

- Singular vowels or sounds
 - Eg. "o / oo / do / ah / lah / nah" or whatever sound that seems natural to you at that point
- Or just hum

3. With tongues :

- Put tongues into any melody or notes that resonates with you
- Space out the tongues a little or even hang on a particular syllable

Conclusion

- All the techniques above can be freely employed & personalised like the use of alphabets. You can choose any alphabet to form any words to express yourself.
- Practice makes permanence. Incorporate it into your personal & corporate worship times until it becomes a normal daily activity which does not require pre-meditation or planning.