

D. WHAT IS A WORSHIP TEAM?

Worship is the act of responding to God’s revelation of His infinite worth.

A worshiper is one who spends their whole life seeking, finding, and responding to God’s revelation of His infinite worth.

A worship leader is a worshiper who is called, gifted, and yielded to the privilege of leading others in responding to God’s revelation of His infinite worth.

A worship team is a family of worship leaders, each called, gifted, and yielded to leading others in responding to God’s revelation of His infinite worth.

The Levites in the O.T. give us a clear picture of those called to serve the Lord’s house in the area of worship. Here are some aspects of being a worship team we can learn from their example:

1. Called By Name to Serve

You are not here by accident – you’re here by the will of God. You are equipped by God to serve – what you bring to the table is enough.

1 Chron. 16:41-42

*With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of those **chosen and expressly named** to give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever. Heman and Jeduthun had trumpets and cymbals for the music and instruments for sacred song. The sons of Jeduthun were appointed to the gate.”*

(BBE) “...marked out by name...”

(NLT) “...chosen by name...”

- **They Were Anointed**

Leviticus 8:12

“And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him.”

Aaron and his sons were anointed with oil to **separate** them for service in God’s house. They were **equipped** with everything they needed to serve – their garments, the implements they needed to offer sacrifices, etc.

In the same way as Aaron and his sons, we're each equipped for service with everything we need.

- **They Were Appointed**

1 Chronicles 16:4

"Then he (David) appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the Lord, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel."

God's anointing **empowers** you to serve. Man's appointing **authorizes** you to serve. Leaders recognize God's anointing and assign you to a place to express that gifting.

Romans 12:5

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us (anointing), let us use them (appointing)."

You can neither anoint, nor appoint yourself to a place of service!

2. **Ministry of Serving**

We're gifted to **serve**. We're appointed to a place of **service**.

1 Chronicles 16:4

(BBE) *"And he put some of the Levites before the ark of the Lord as **servants**, to keep the acts of the Lord in memory, and to give worship and praise to the Lord..."*

- **They Served God**

1 Chronicles 15:2

"Then David said that no one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, for the Lord has chosen them to carry the ark of the Lord and to minister to him (or to 'serve him') forever."

- **They Served Leaders**

1 Chronicles 25:2

"Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah, sons of Asaph, under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king."

Numbers 8:19, 18:6

Levites were given to Aaron, the high priest, and his sons as a **gift**, to serve them. We are to serve our leaders in such a way that they consider us as gifts given to them by God!

- **They Served the Congregation**

Numbers 3:7 (NASB)

“They shall perform the duties for...the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.”

1 Chron. 16:4 (NLT)

*“David appointed the following Levites to **lead the people in worship** before the Ark of the Lord – to invoke His blessings, to give thanks, and to praise the Lord...”*

- **They Served Each Other**

2 Chronicles 35:15

“The singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at each gate. They did not need to depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.”

As we serve everyone else we also serve one another. We help each other in every way we can – on the stage and off the stage.

3. A Serving Family

1 Chronicles 25:1, 8

“David and the chiefs of the service also set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals.”

“And they cast lots for their duties, small and great, teacher and pupil alike.”

We are a family, a tribe, of servants, here in the House of God. We have been chosen by God, anointed and appointed to our place of service, all for the glory of God!

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