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<WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR GOD?>

The best way to find God is to be in an environment where He will find you. Seeking God and finding Him isn't something we achieve by our own means; He lets us find Him.

It is important to identify what God is looking for, so as to be placed in the criteria of His search and be found by Him. The Bible says that God is looking for worshipers, for true worshipers that will worship Him in Spirit and in truth (see John 4:23).

Therefore, learn to be a true worshiper and let God find you. In Luke 1, the Bible tells us the story of Zachariah who was married to Elizabeth and they had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive due to their very old age.

However, the Bible says that Zachariah was visited by the angel of God while performing his duties before God, offering Him perfumes.

This is an example of God meeting someone in the midst of worship.



Who are TRUE Worshipers?

Worshipers are people who have died a thousand deaths and derive their strength from **POURING OUT THEIR HEARTS**, because each time they did so, they fell so low and sank so deep that they found God waiting right at the bottom for them with the answer they needed.



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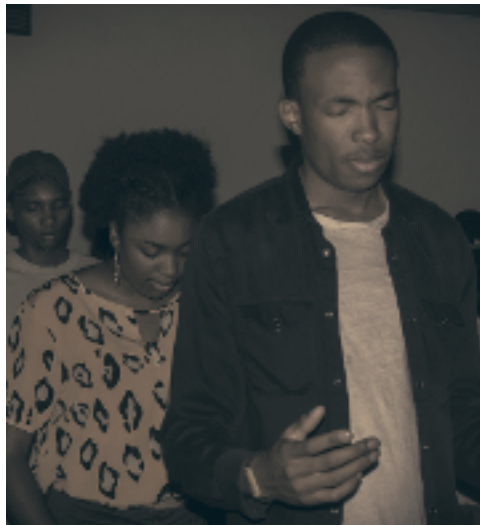
Again the Bible speaks of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1, who was barren, the Bible says that she was **POURING OUT HER HEART** to the Lord to the extent of being confused to someone who had been drinking wine. Her pain pushed her closer to God until she eventually dealt with the idol of her heart and relinquished that which was the most precious to her.

As much as we can, many of us prefer to just avoid the issues of the heart that we are unable to resolve but a worshiper; a true worshiper, specializes in bringing precious things out of **DIRT**.

They **SIT** and **WORK** on dirt until it delivers. Most of the Psalms were written from moments of crisis. Worshipers see the crisis of life as opportunities to dig deeper and feed the Lord the very depth of their hearts.

“When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.”

Luke 7:37-38 NLT



Some people have understood that some of their cries, which come and are done from a place of hopelessness are the very price and the key, needed to meet their Maker.

It is right in the midst of pain that one rises up different, changed, transformed and with new treasures. Everyone has an embarrassing situation, a place of battle that they would prefer to not talk about like the woman in Luke 7, who was referred to as “an immoral Woman”.

One is very beautiful/handsome but unable to get married. Another has a lot of money but unable to have children. Another is highly educated but unable to find a job. Another is very smart but unable to afford the fees. Another is a great anointed preacher with no members in their church.

But worshipers are those who seek for that place that HURTS in order to CONNECT to

the throne. They enjoy challenging the impossible because that is where the greatness of God is revealed.

Paul is recommending us in Romans 12:1, to lay down one's life as a living, holy, and pleasing sacrifice to God, which will be a reasonable worship on our part. Here it's at the level of our soul. We submit our will and renounce our earthly lives to serve Christ. It is a worship done with reason and so thus worship is no longer a time allocated to God but a life dedicated to Him.

As the Bible says “ For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ which ascends to God...”
2 Corinthians 2:15a

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as I come to you today, I will not pretend that everything is as I would like it to be. But as You make me your worshiper, I choose one more time to present to you the burden of my heart, trusting that you and you alone has the final say and can change my shame

into glory. In Jesus name I pray.
Amen!