

**“Worship and the Word”**  
“Worship--More Than a Song” — Part 2

“God cares more about my growth than He does my comfort. He has a plan for my life that is bigger than sailing along on autopilot.”

**An Invitation to Approach God’s Word**  
**Psalm 119**

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.  
Psalm 119:114

Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.  
Psalm 119:2

**1. Stop—Hurry is the destroyer of worship!**

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
Psalm 46:10

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”  
Isaiah 30:15

**2. Look—Think rightly about God’s Word.**

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.  
Psalm 119:7

Your decrees are the theme of my song...  
Psalm 119:54

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.  
Psalm 119:81

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.  
Proverbs 30:5-6

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.  
Proverbs 2:1-5

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

The unfolding of your words gives light...  
Psalm 119:130

### 3. Listen—Feel deeply about God's Word.

Thy testimonies also are my delight; they are my counselors.  
Psalm 119:24 (NASB)

There is a grave difference between  
knowing about God and knowing God.

*"If we just know Him in our minds, we're not doing anything different than the devil.  
The devil may be one of the most theological, orthodox beings in the universe.  
He just hates what he knows about God."  
John Piper*

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong...  
Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord.  
Proverbs 8:33-35