

# WHAT IS PROPHETIC WORSHIP?

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**Worshipping God in a prophetic way can change the heart of the worshiper.** Samuel said the following to Saul about a supernatural worship experience: *"You will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you and you will prophesy with them and you will be turned into another man."* (1 Samuel 10: 5-6). This passage of scripture is a picture of prophetic worship as well as a demonstration of the power that is released through the prophetic.

We understand that under the new covenant we must come into **agreement** with what God is saying and doing through the prophetic, i.e. He will not force a change within us. We know from Rev. 19:10 that true prophetic worship reveals Jesus in that the Word says, *'Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'* When a group of believers worship in Spirit and in truth, by the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit, we enter into a supernatural exchange with the Lord. Our hearts open to Him and we are able to receive and experience the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Jesus will be exalted and His name lifted above every other name!

Prophetic worship consists of much more than just singing songs and prophesying. In his book, *The Power of Prophetic Worship*, David Swan says: "Prophetic worship is more than just singing and making music;

during prophetic worship, intercession is offered, spiritual warfare is waged, prophetic power is released, anointed sounds are produced and creative words are spoken and sent forth. Glory, life, light, and spirit are thus transmitted." Prophetic worship can include contemporary music, scriptural songs and spontaneous songs, signified by the freedom to depart from the script when led by the Holy Spirit. In a prophetic worship gathering some people use contemporary musical instruments (guitars, keyboards, drum sets) while others may use tabrets (clusters of colored ribbons) and tambourines. Some offer worship through the dance. A variety of ribbon colors, dance movements, and tambourine sounds all have spiritual definition and are not random, but intentional in their design. They bring forth a symphony of music led by the Holy Spirit. The power of prophetic worship is fully experienced when we as worshipers come together in the unity of the Spirit, with an open heart and a willingness to completely offer our praise to him.

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