

## **The Joyful Call to Worship**

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for they will walk in the light of Your presence, Lord.  
They rejoice all day long in Your wonderful reputation.  
They exalt in Your righteousness.  
You are their glorious strength.  
It pleases You to make us strong."  
Psalm 89 15-17, NLT*

***Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of Your presence, Lord...***

The call to worship is a call of joy! Are my ears open to hear it? Worship can take place in my heart anywhere and anytime. Worship keeps me walking in His light. The words of the psalmist bring to my mind the image of a singer in a staged production who is followed by the spotlight no matter where she goes on the stage. She is enveloped in light...until she stops singing and moves offstage. Remaining "onstage" and in the spotlight of His presence occurs as I remain "on mission" with Him while keeping a continual attitude of worship.

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When I hear that joyful call to worship, *how* do I worship? I worship God by rejoicing in His wonderful reputation, or as the King James Version puts it, "[I] rejoice daily in His Name"; that Name above all names, at which every knee in heaven and on earth shall bow. His Name is my "security code"—knowing His Name personally means that I am granted access to the Holy of holies; that I am protected from the evil one; that I am loved. His Name is cause for rejoicing!

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If I heed the joyful call to worship, walk in the light of His presence, and rejoice in His Name, the result is that I am filled and empowered by His strength. And it's not just an ordinary strength, but a "**glorious** strength"! As I walk in a lifestyle of worship, it becomes His pleasure to make me strong; and in turn, it becomes my pleasure and privilege to know the empowerment of the Spirit and to display the truth of Paul's words that "...our great power is from God, not from ourselves" (2 Cor. 4:7).

What more is there to say but to echo the closing words of the psalmist with a grateful heart?

***"Praise the Lord forever!  
Amen and amen!"***