

“We thought we had the answers, it was the questions we had wrong.”

—*Bono*

- Did I join it?**

Truthiness: “The belief or assertion that a particular statement is true based on intuition or perception...without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual explanation or fact.”

—*Rick Hayes-Roth*
Truthiness Fever

Post-Truth: “Relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.”

—Oxford Dictionary

Psalms of Praise teach us that biblical worship is not a feeling we chase, but a discipline we embrace.

Psalms of Praise—Three dominant features

1. Call to worship—117:1

2. Reasons to worship—117:2a

3. Reminder to keep worshiping—117:2b

¹Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! ²For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 117

“The biblical hymns (Psalms of Praise) are not the flights of fancy of people who have been protected from the hard realities of life or from the indifference of nature. They are songs of praise of people who, despite misfortune, persist in their reliance on an all-powerful yet attentive God.”

—Dianne Bergant

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- Law/Perfect**
- Testimony/Sure**
- Precepts/Right**
- Commandment/Pure**
- Rules/True**

**Do I more frequently critique or confess
during worship?**

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II. Preparation—117:1-2

Questions for Preparation

- Have I intentionally opened my ears to hear the call to worship?**
- Have I spent time reflecting on the reasons to worship?**
- Do I have any physical reminders in place to help me keep worshiping?**

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III. Commitment—19:1-6

**Worship is not something we do but
something we join.**

¹After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.

⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

**⁷the first living creature like a lion,
the second living creature like an ox,
the third living creature with the face of
a man, and the fourth living creature like
an eagle in flight.**

⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Revelation 4:1-2, 6-11

**¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
¹²saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."**

***Hebrews 2:11-12
(quoting Psalm 22:22)***