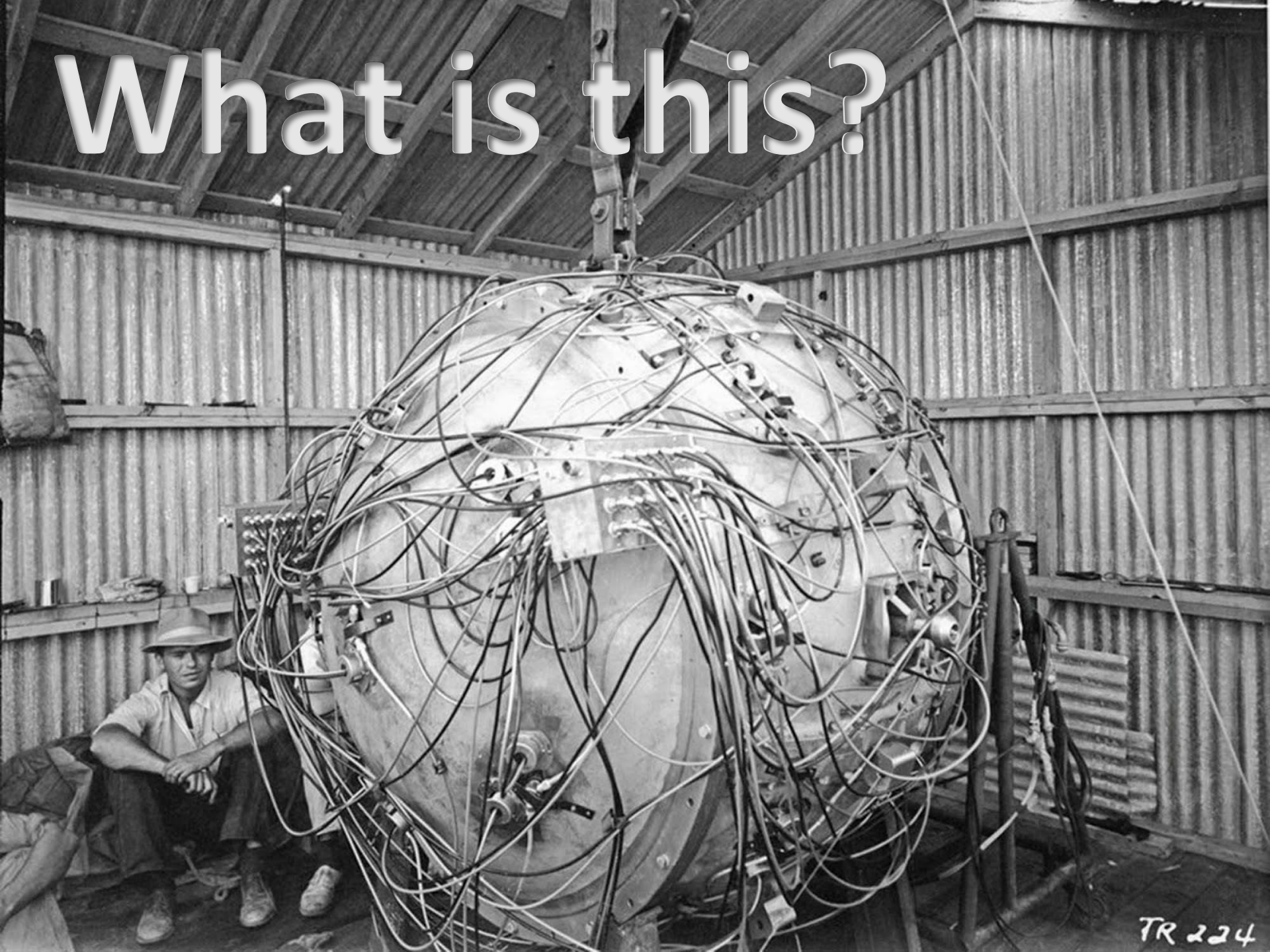


God's Open Secrets



Worship

What is this?



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What this is to the military...

A large, glowing orange and yellow mushroom cloud from a nuclear explosion, rising from the ocean surface. The cloud has a thick, vertical column of smoke and fire in the center, topped by a wide, flat, disc-like cloud that spreads out. The background is a dark, overcast sky, and the foreground shows the dark, choppy surface of the water.

...is Worship
to God's people

Recap – The Word

God brought His Word

(a love letter) directly to us
through a series of miracles.

Take time in the Bible...

Read it, listen to it,
soak in it, memorise it.

What's in a word?

- **Praise** - Express warm admiration of.
Express one's respect and gratitude towards (a deity), especially in song.

- **Worship** - the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

Reverence, veneration, adoration, devotion, thanksgiving, praying to, glorification, exaltation, homage, respect, honour, esteem

The word proskuneo - "to worship" - means to bow down (to Gods or to kings)

Daniel 4

³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives forever.

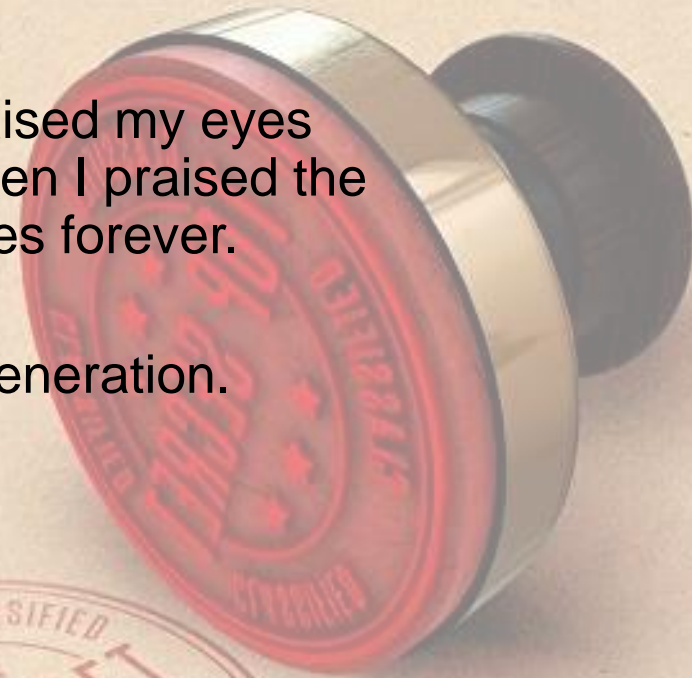
His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: "What have you done?"

³⁶ At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honour and splendour were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify **the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.** And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.



So why
Worship
God?



I AM

A Poem by David Bowden



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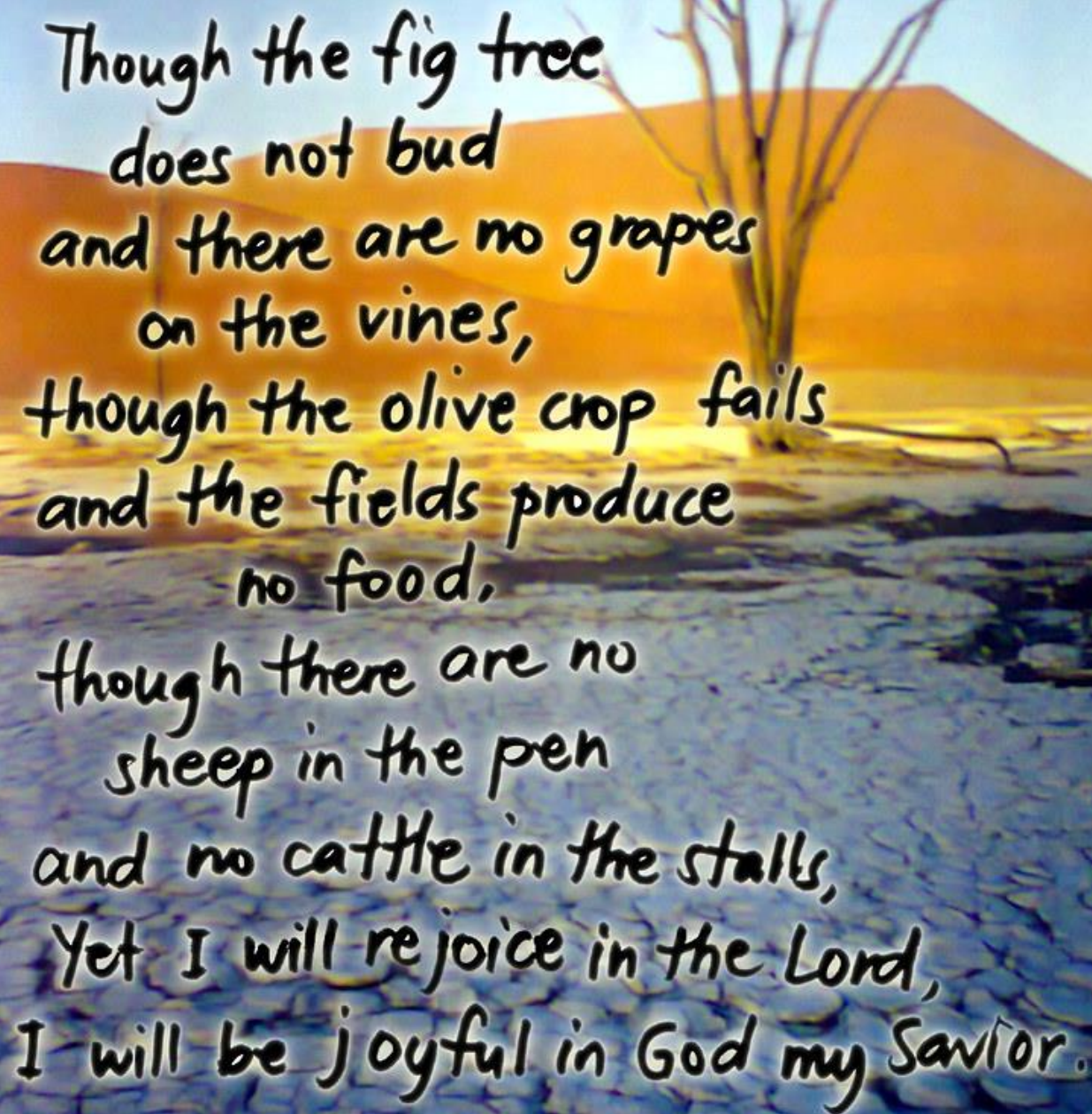


<https://skitguys.com/videos/i-am>

I AM

- Walls of Jericho – God uses **Praise and Worship** alone to overcome this powerful city
- It is not about us, it is **all** about **God**:
The great '**I AM**'
- **Worshiping God** puts everything back in the right order





Though the fig tree
does not bud
and there are no grapes
on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce
no food,
though there are no
sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

-Habakkuk 3:17-18

True Faith in God

Not because of what God has done today but because of **who we know God is.**

- **Jesus** on the cross – looked like complete failure
- **Abraham** – No way for promises to come true
- **Moses** – God of the impossible
- **Joseph** – What a waste of so much time
- **Job** – All hope lost
- **Daniel** – Impossible situations
- **Paul** – Enemy of God, danger & death

Real Power

**True faith looks beyond our
circumstances directly to our God**

**It steps forwards in Praise and
Worship even before there is any
evidence our God will answer**

**...and God releases His power when
we do this**

**When we do this it brings great
delight to our God**



So how do we Worship?

- Singing and music
- Prayer - Praise
- Spoken and written - Words
- Breaking of bread
- Action and giving



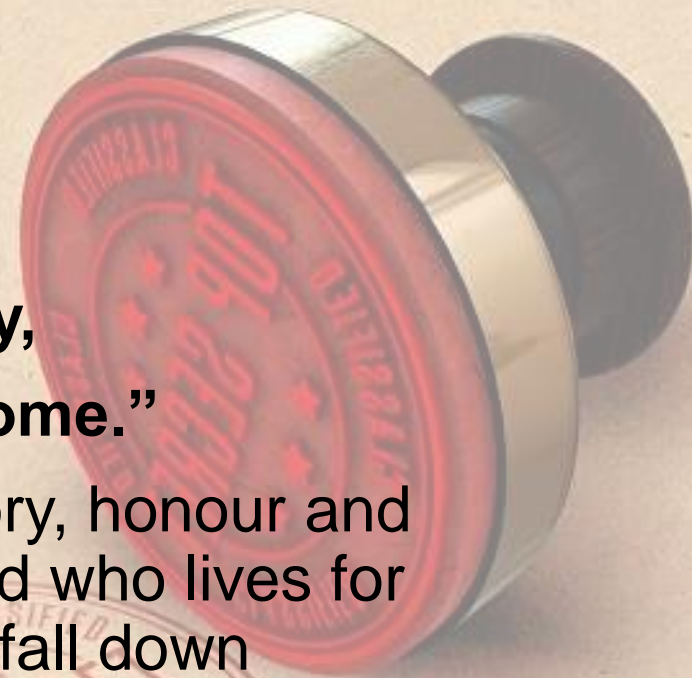
Revelation 4

⁸ Day and night they never stop saying:

**“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”**

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ **“You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”**



Useful places to start

- Psalms
- The Lord's Prayer
- Repeating Bible truths
- Sacrifice – give God time
- Listening to words of Worship



Psalm 100

- ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 66, 92, 147

Putting into Action

- If you don't know what to do
just start Worshipping God
 - If you do know what to do
then Praise God
- ...and keep praising till faith
emerges victorious

**“Isn't it a comfort to worship a
God we cannot exaggerate?”**

—Francis Chan



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FrhDJa3XCM>

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