

**SERMON NOTES**  
May 3 2026  
**Dedication of the Wall**  
Nehemiah 12:27-47

Psalm 95:2. *“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to him with songs of praise!”*

When you came to our church worship service today, what were you feeling?

Nehemiah 12:30 *“And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.”*

Before you come to worship, purify your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Get ready to meet God.

Worship can be defined as “\_\_\_\_\_ -ship,” where we engage our minds, our emotions, and our will to acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Old Testament word for “worship” means to \_\_\_\_\_ in reverence.

New Testament word means “to \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

Isaiah 43:7 *“I have made them for my glory”*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

Hebrews 13:15 *“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.”*

True worship can only come from a heart that has been \_\_\_\_\_ and is in right relationship with God. True worship is God-focused. \_\_\_\_\_ me-focused.

Nehemiah 12:24 the city is ready to \_\_\_\_\_ the wall around the city with \_\_\_\_\_ choirs. *“give praise and thanksgiving.”*

Nehemiah 12:27 *“And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to \_\_\_\_\_ the dedication with \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the primary aspect of worship. It begins with who God is.

\_\_\_\_\_ God for His generosity.

Nehemiah 12:31-37 *“Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate ... with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them. At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.*

*Vs. 38-40 The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Gate of Yeshanah, and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard. So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God...”*

Why was it important to be on the wall?

1. So they could see a visual reminder of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
2. So non-Jewish neighbors, could see what \_\_\_\_\_ had done.

Nehemiah 12:43 *“The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.”*

3. Claiming the \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

Joshua 1:3, *“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.”*

Nehemiah 12:47 *“all Israel contributed the daily portions for the singers and gatekeepers. They also set aside the portion for the other Levites, and the Levites set aside the portion for the descendants of Aaron.”*

Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ just music. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that we do.

Whatever you do, whatever you say, do it to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.