

Full Sermon Transcript:

Tools of Worship

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Good to see each one of you. So, let's now go in prayer.

Lord Heavenly Father, in Jesus' wonderful name, thank you, Lord, for this holy and blessed seventh day of worship and rest and fellowship.

Thank you for the opportunity to gather with one another across the world, to honor you, to worship you, to serve you and to serve one another, to bless you and to bless one another and to receive your instruction, your word, your commandments, and more of your Holy Ghost.

We accept your blessing and anointing on these services and on this message, the spiritual food that we're about to receive.

We accept, Lord Heavenly Father, your presence, your guidance, your leadership. We accept your will.

We ask you to bless and anoint the hearing and the receiving and the application of this message into our lives.

We accept that your word will not return void nor vain, but will accomplish your purpose in which you have sent.

And the Church said, Amen.

I'm going to just turn to James chapter 5. And the topic today in the name of the sermon is tools of worship.

Tools of worship. What instruments, what tools can we use for edification to help us feel closer to the Lord, help us to feel his presence, help us in our worship?

In James chapter 5, verse 13, Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the chosen assembly of the kingdom and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the authority of the Lord. Amen.

We see here the very clear instruction of anointing with oil for healing. Very few people ever practice this, but this is a scriptural instruction of what we need to be doing.

If we have a local pastor that is a true pastor, truly called of God, which is extremely rare.

But if we have that, we should be practicing that. The application of using anointing oil is not just only for healing.

But it is also, if we think about what that oil represents and why it works, the primary reason in which anointing oil can be, should be used for healing is not the physical properties of the oil, even though it does have healing physical properties.

We won't deny that. Olive oil all by itself, as well as especially olive oil mixed with frankincense or myrrh or other biblical essential oils, herbs, it does have healing properties physically.

But the primary reason why we would use this as the oil is symbolic representation of the Holy Ghost, God's presence being applied to that person's sickness.

This is a fact of the symbolism of oil. Matthew 25, the oil is not only physical, even though it is, Matthew 25 is a biblical instruction for us to physically prepare for the Great Tribulation with physical supplies, yes.

But it is also symbolic of needing more of the Holy Ghost, especially as we enter the dark time period of the Great Tribulation. Amen.

We have to get plugged in to the source. We have to get plugged in to Jesus Christ through the Holy Ghost. We need more of the oil of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

So if the oil is symbolic of God's presence, then why can't we also use it for prayer outside of anointing for healing?

We use it for anointing and ordaining new ministers, deacons, evangelists, new pastors, ordaining, baptism, blessings, general prayers.

I would encourage you to use oil in your life at home to anoint yourself as a force of protection in spiritual warfare.

Let's look at Mark chapter 6 verse 13. And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

Yes, this is another application of using the oil for sick people, for healing. But we know that many times that if a

person has a problem with spiritual warfare, demons, which is mentioned in this verse, that holy anointed oil applied to that person, symbolic of God's presence, can intensify the strength of our spiritual warfare against those demons that are fighting us.

Sometimes sickness is the result of sin. Sometimes sickness is the result of demons in our lives, darkness.

So there's a connection here with demons and sickness, not always. We know that sickness is not always sin, not always demons, not always spiritual warfare.

But sometimes it is, and we can't deny that, but sometimes it is. I would encourage you to take anointing oil and apply it on your property, in your home, above your doors, above your windows, on your window sills, on your door locks, on your window locks.

Sometimes you may need to anoint your mailbox if you have problems with somebody messing with your mailbox. The edges of your property, the borders of your property, even your car, even your bills as they come, as your bills come in the mail for you to pay.

And on your body, especially on your belly button, is a very important center of your body for energy, applying essential oils with olive oil or coconut oil mixed with essential oils in your belly button.

And on your third eye, which is a real and true center point, that's not witchcraft, is a real and true energy center point of your body, as real, as true as a fact.

It's not witchcraft to recognize facts. Facts do not equal witchcraft. I don't know why people hate facts. Amen.

But you can also use oil as you pray to anoint yourself on your forehead and say those words, I anoint myself in the name of Jesus, to help you to feel that closeness to God.

There is something special about when you apply oil to yourself, especially mixed with frankincense, that you can absolutely, sometimes, better, more intensely, stronger, feel the presence of God.

This is a fact that it increases that possibility. The next tool that I'd like to introduce to you, let's turn to Numbers 15.

Numbers 15 verse 37. And Jesus spoke to Moses saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and to tell them, and let them make for themselves fringes or tassels upon the borders or edges or corners of their garments throughout their generations.

And you should put upon the fringes or borders, fringes or tassels of the borders or corners, a lace of blue or string of blue.

And it should be on your fringes and you should look on them and you should remember all the commands or commandments of Jesus and do them.

And you should not turn back after your imaginations and after the sight of your eyes and the things in which you go abhorring, that you may remember and perform all my commands, and you should be holy unto your Theos, to your God.

Now this is an Old Covenant law. A lot of people don't understand that there was such a law to have tassels, strings, blue strings on the edges of your clothes.

But it was, at one time, an Old Covenant law which had the same purpose of, there was also another command in Scripture, to have boxes with the commandments written on paper inside the boxes and to tie that box on your arm or on your forehead.

We know that is Old Covenant. We know that it's not a commandment for us today. You may say, yes, but the verse 38 says, throughout your generations. But we've got to realize this, the Bible also uses that same phrase for circumcision.

And yet we have the entire book of Galatians and other verses in other chapters that's very clear, undeniable, even common sense, that circumcision was Old Covenant and was not carried over into the New Covenant.

We can't even debate that, it's so obvious, it's so clear, even though there's a lot of very legalistic Pharisees out there that do still try to force circumcision upon us.

It's insane, but such type of people do exist. Throughout your generations, it's talking about for as long as you have that Old Covenant, whether you have that Old Covenant, however many generations, up until the end of term of the Old Covenant.

However, even though we know that it's Old Covenant to have the boxes, to have the tassels, there are times in which, in particular situations that people face and deal with in their lives, that it could be helpful for some people, absolutely. Although this is Old Covenant commandment that is no longer for us today to have the tassels, there are times when certain people may be battling with certain sins in which they could benefit from having the tassels, if they're able to do so.

I know that I myself, and I have talked to other people, multiple other people, not just one person, that did need at

certain parts of their lives, certain periods of their life, certain months, certain years, when they were struggling with certain sins, that they benefited from something that they could have on their clothes, like a ring or string tied around their finger, or a necklace, or something that was a constant physical reminder of God's presence, of God watching them and their actions, is very beneficial and very helpful.

So even though the tassels are Old Covenant and is not a command for us today, it could be beneficial for some people to do it, as long as you do it realizing that it's a beneficial thing and not a commandment of law.

But in relationship to tassels, to this very day, something that is much more common, especially for Christians and not just Jews, is the prayer shawl.

So today, I'm wearing a prayer shawl, and it has the tassels on the corners, the blue and white tassels on the corners. And I was very careful, as you should be, if you ever buy a prayer shawl, rather than making it yourself, but you could make it yourself, that if you buy one, make for sure it does not have the pagan, demonic star of Satan, which they falsely call the Star of David, which there's absolutely zero evidence, absolutely zero, that it had anything to do with David.

There's absolutely no archaeological evidence or historical evidence of any type, any way, any shape or form, tying the so-called Star of David with David or his kingdom, zero.

We know that the Bible actually gives it an entirely different name, that the Bible never calls it the Star of David, ever. So we have to be careful not to get a prayer shawl that has that Star of Easter. You should also make for sure that it does not have the image of the Nine Candle Menorah, because we know that the Bible only speaks only of the Seven Candle Menorah.

We know that Revelation chapter 1, 2, and 3 does mention the Seven Candle Menorah in relationship with the New Covenant Church.

So even when the New Testament refers to the Menorah, it still speaks of it having seven seven candles and not nine. And that's very relevant, since that is a New Covenant reference to the New Covenant Church in the book of Revelation.

Also, make for sure it does not have the demonic Assyrian letter Y names, which won't be in English, but will be using the Assyrian letters, so you have to be very careful what is on the prayer shawl if you do buy it.

It does not need to come from Israel, but the majority of them do come from Israel.

And you have to be very careful because we know in Israel they use the Assyrian letters and the Star of Easter and the nine candle Menorah, all of this pagan stuff that they adopted from Babylon.

So you have to be very careful. But I did find one on Amazon that I am wearing in which does not have any of this defilement.

I like that it actually has a crown engraved on the headpiece, the headband, a crown, which would be a biblical thing that the Bible talks about as having crowns that will be receiving crowns.

And the headband is called a crown on the prayer shawl. So it makes plenty of sense to have a crown engraved on it, and it's got these engravings of flyers, and there's nothing wrong or pagan of having the design of flyers.

So this is much more acceptable than the average prayer shawl that you would find.

The purpose of a prayer shawl is that when you are in prayer that you would put it over your head like so.

So it represents that you are in your prayer closet, that you are in your privacy of prayer, that you won't be distracted by images, lights, visual things around you, that you come into your enclosed closet of privacy between you and the Lord. It helps you to concentrate in prayer, and it helps you to feel closer to God under his wings.

So let's look at some more Bible verses here in Psalm 91. Let's turn to the book of Psalms, Psalm number 91.

And you could also just use a shirt or a towel. It don't have to be something you buy.

You can make it yourself or you can use a bed blanket. It's just the purpose of having something over your body to enclose yourself in, to feel more nested, more enclosed, to where you're less distracted by the things around you, and you feel more under something, which is representative of what we're reading right here.

Psalm 91 verse four. He shall overshadow you with his shoulders. It says here in the Greek Septuagint, the word shoulders, overshadow you with his shoulders, and you shall trust under his wings.

His troops shall cover you with a shield. You shall not be afraid of terror by night, nor of the flying arrow by day.

This Psalm 91 is a very powerful song of protection and help and strength when you are walking through that valley of the shadow of death, when you are in intense warfare with family, with friends, with demons, when you are terrified by fear, when you have anxiety.

This is the perfect chapter of the Bible for those very, the most distressing times.

And that verse right there talks about being covered by God. And it has the word wings, and the tassels are called wings.

Many people claim, and it could be true, that when the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years, when she came up and touched the garments of Jesus, that it was the wings, because he would be wearing it, absolutely.

Jesus did wear tassels because he was still under the Old Covenant. He had to do all the law, every bit of it.

He never sinned. He was still under the Old Covenant law at that time, because the blood of Jesus had not yet done away with the Old Covenant. Amen.

He would be wearing the tassels. And it's very likely that the woman would have touched the tassels that are called wings.

And she would have probably known this verse. Amen. Now, where it says shoulders here in the Greek Septuagint, that is exactly what the Greek Septuagint says.

However, the reality is that when you look at the Assyrian word, which they falsely called Hebrew, for the word shoulders and the word feathers, which you don't see the word feathers here in the AOB

yet. But when you look at the Assyrian word for feathers and the Assyrian word for shoulders, they look very similar. There's only four or five letters, and the last three are the same, exact same last three letters.

The first one or two letters look very similar, but are not the same. The Dead Sea Scrolls actually says feathers.

The Masoretic text says feathers. The Greek Septuagint text is the only one that does not say feathers, but rather it says shoulders.

Look at the context. We see the word wings. Because of the context in which we see the word wings, the context, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Masoretic text, then the right conclusion would be because of how similar that the Assyrian words for feathers and shoulders looks very, very, very much similar.

We know by common sense that this was a mistake of the man as he was translating this from the Assyrian text to Greek as they were making the Greek Septuagint for the first time, or maybe a copy as mistake sometime later on at some point of time, whether it was the actual original Greek Septuagint or maybe when they copied it by hand over to the next scroll after it was already made.

At some point of time, it's very clear, very obvious that this was a mistake because how the words look almost exactly identical.

With the Dead Sea Scrolls actually using the word feathers, and that being the oldest manuscripts on the planet that we have of the Bible by far, for the most part, for the majority of the Bible, context as well.

So let's change this to feathers. So we're changing shoulders to feathers. Now we know that God is not a bird, but is using the symbolism of a bird covering its child with its wings like they do and sheltering the eggs, sheltering their babies.

And we are the children of God. And we want to be sheltered under the symbolic wings of our Heavenly Father.

So this is what it means. So the tassels are called wings. And when you cover yourself with the prayer shawl, you're symbolizing that you are under his wings, that you are under his covering, that you are under his shelter, that you are in his tabernacle.

It helps you to feel closer to God. And it does. It does. The next theme we're going to talk about as a tool of worship.

Let's go to the next one by going to Psalm 95. Psalm 95, verse 1 and verse 2. Come and let us rejoice in Jesus and let us make a joyful noise to Theos, our Savior.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to him with songs. Amen.

We know that the book of songs is full and overflowing, talking about music and singing and using musical instruments to worship God.

There is a denomination of Satan that is falsely called the Church of Christ, which does not believe in using musical instruments in worship.

That's insanity. But that is the magnitude of wickedness in this world. And it's a very large denomination. They have a lot of members, lots of different churches and congregations.

And it's very sad and it makes God angry that there are so many people that would believe something that is so utterly, completely ridiculous.

Obviously, they're not reading their Bibles. Amen. Obviously, the pastor is only reading one verse in each sermon while purposely ignoring and trying to stay away from any verse that would reveal their doctrines as false.

That's the purpose of one-verse theology. When they use only one, two, three verses for the whole sermon, very clearly, they're steering the people away from reading the Bible.

But music is a powerful tool of worship. Absolutely. And we need to be learning all these new songs that we have. Amen.

We've got something like 61 new songs that we came out with a couple of months, a few months ago.

We need to be learning those. So the more that we're listening to this music, we're learning it and it's becoming part of our heart, our mind, our soul with the Word of God, with correct doctrine and biblical worship.

And it is so very true that many times when you are so very stressed out, fearful, worried, problems, burdened, that if you turn to the Lord in a music session of worship in your own privacy, you can just feel all those burdens just wash away.

I really encourage you to use music as your private worship.

Look at the book of Ephesians, chapter 5 verse 19. Speaking to one another in songs and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks for all the things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Theos, even the Father.

So it's not just the book of songs, but even the New Covenant that talks about using music in our worship.

You would think this is definitely common sense and a common tool of worship, but yet people don't use it enough, so it must be mentioned.

The next theme is going to be found since we're right now, since we're over here in Ephesians.

Let's go over to Revelation 5, verse 8. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the four living elders, twenty-four elders, fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

We see a harp, which is a musical instrument. We know that's used in heaven for worship of God.

So obviously, there's a New Testament verse for a musical instrument. It's not sitting there not being used, unlike all of our musical instruments.

That harp is definitely being used in heaven and bowls of incense. And just like that musical instrument of the harp, it's not just sitting there not being used, and God is not calling the incense witchcraft. Amen.

The twenty-four elders are using the incense for worship of the Almighty God.

The twenty-four elders are not warlocks. They are not witches. They are not involved in paganism. They're not lost.

They're not deceived. Amen. This is a New Covenant, not just Old Testament, but New Testament verse referencing the use of incense in the true and holy worship of the true God, not witchcraft. Amen.

We could look at many verses in the Old Testament about incense, but we won't bother with that since we have this New Testament verse.

And you know already that there's many verses in the Old Testament that refer to incense.

We know the incense was commanded to be in the temple of God. It was there and it was commanded by God to be there.

He never called it witchcraft. People are extremely legalistic in our modern time, these people that call themselves Christians.

And they're extremely fearful of every little thing. And they go around posting on social media constantly.

Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear. But if you mention incense as part of worship, all of a sudden they're very fearful of such things that they don't know about, things that they don't understand, things they've never been taught.

They very obviously have not read very much of the Bible at all, have not studied the Bible.

Even if they read all of it, they've not studied it, which is much different. Amen.

The incense is a powerful and good and acceptable tool of worship. Incense helps you to feel the presence of God, to have that smell in the air of frankincense or some other herb.

And we know that it was used during the worship services in the temple, not just being in the temple, but specifically used in the worship services and ceremonies.

Why? Why was it used during worship services? You've got the smoke rising up as well as the smell, the aroma. God enjoys this.

God desires this. The Bible, the New Testament tells us to seek out the perfect and good and acceptable will of God.

In worship today in the modern false church, it's all about what you want and what you feel and what your will is, the type of music you like.

But worship should be what God likes, what God's will is. Amen. He desires the incense, the music, the musical instruments, the anointing oil. He does desire these things.

He Himself commanded them to be used in the first temple and the second temple, both. Amen.

And they are in the temple in heaven now. Amen. But it says here in Revelation 5 verse 8 that the incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

When it says of the saints, it's talking about of the New Covenant saints. Amen. Because this is the book of Revelation. It's not Ezekiel.

It's not Leviticus. It's not Numbers. This is the book of Revelation. So this is the New Covenant saints.

Their prayers are prayers, your prayers represented by the incense. The smoke rising from the incense is symbolic representation of your prayers ascending up to the Father.

The reality is that the physical and the spiritual are connected. So many times we think of the spiritual and the physical as being opposites of no connection and in opposition to each other is the way we have been taught wrongly by

Babylon that the flesh is sinful, that the flesh is wicked, all this crap.

But the reality is that our flesh is the temple of God. Our flesh is holy, not nasty, not horrible, not sinful, not wicked.

We were born with a sinful nature. But that's not the same thing as saying that your chest is nasty, your chest is wicked. It's different. Different thing, different topic. But the physical and the spiritual are connected. If your spirit leaves your flesh, you're dead.

Your sleep, your body is dead, right? Your soul is not dead yet until you're cast into the lake of fire, God forbid that ever happens.

So your soul is not dead, but if your soul leaves your body, then your flesh is dead. Amen?

The spirit and the flesh are connected. The energy and the physical are connected. When you lose that connection, there's death.

So when we use these physical things like prayer shawls and oil incense, there is a physical and spiritual connection. You feel the spirit of God stronger when you use these physical tools of worship.

I would encourage you that if you use incense, to be careful. Especially if you have pets or children, to be aware.

Don't forget that the incense is burning. Put it where it's not going to fall off the table.

Put it where it's not going to burn the cabinet, where it's not going to burn the counter, where it's not going to burn a paper plate.

Use wisdom, use caution, do it right. Be adult about it. Amen? I would also encourage you to be careful what incense you use and where you buy it from.

A lot of the incense they sell now is toxic, dangerous to breathe in. Just loaded with chemicals.

But you can find pure incense. You have to experiment with it and figure out how to burn it in a way that's not off-putting.

That doesn't just smell like something burning. So it takes experimentation. Something I need to experiment more with myself. But here, in our sanctuary here that we have set up right here for us, we have our candles.

We have diffuser with essential oil. Instead of burning something, we're using a liquid water diffuser with essential oil in it.

So we have the aroma. But however, that's missing the smoke element. I would prefer to use something that actually burns as incense. But we have to do more experimentation with that to figure out what to use that doesn't just smell like something burning.

But we do have the smoke rising from the candles that we have. So we do have smoke and we do have incense.

We do have the aroma.

The next tool of worship we can find in Revelation 1 verse 12. And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and having turned, I saw seven goat in lampstands.

Right there, that lampstand with seven candles, with seven candles, with seven oil lamps is very obviously a menorah. And we know that in the Old Testament that the menorah was commanded by God himself to be in the sanctuary of worship.

And the menorah was present in the tabernacle of Moses before Solomon built the first temple.

Then the menorah was in the first temple and in the second temple. And then we know that there would be a menorah in the temple of God in heaven now.

God never did away with the menorah or incense. Amen. God never did away with those things. He did do away with the tassels, but he never did away with the incense and the menorah and musical instruments and oil. Amen.

We know that the seven candles in these three chapters of Revelation are symbolic of the true church, not witches.

We know that it was not actually candles back then, 2000 years ago, but rather it was oil lamps that was burning olive

oil.

But it would be extremely legalistic to say we can't use candles for the exact same purpose.

Again, false Christians are fearful, filled and overflowing with fear and legalism and jumping to conclusions about candles just because witches and pagans do use candles and incense.

But guess what else they use? Herbs. Are you going to tell me I can't use herbs? They use essential oils.

Are you going to tell me I can't use essential oils? It's nonsense. Just because they use something doesn't mean we can't use it. We know that they have stolen the biblical symbol of the rainbow.

Can we not use the symbol that is in the Bible that belongs to God? Herbs belong to God.

Fire belongs to God. Incense belongs to God. Amen. Just because the devil has stolen it and misused it does not mean that we cannot use it appropriately and correctly as part of true worship.

We don't need to be fearful of these things. Candles is just a modern equivalent of the oil lamps.

It's the same thing. Same thing. But you do have to be careful what candles you buy because just like the incense, the majority of candles now are made of toxic ingredients and fragrances that are not healthy to be breathing in.

So you do have to be careful what it's made out of. Research it. And they do have soil or they do have candles made out of soil and probably other different materials that would be acceptable as well.

Without fragrance, without artificial colorings, just a plain white candle. Amen.

Again, you have to be careful about any printed designs and letters and chemicals and ingredients.

But candles, while you're praying at home, is not witchcraft. Recognizing that the candle and the smoke from the candle and the flame of the candle is symbolic that our prayers are ascending up to heaven.

Just like with the incense and symbolic of the fact that we are getting plugged in to the source of our life and that we are little fires, that we are little lights, that we are little gods.

That we're part of the body of Christ, the menorah. The menorah is not just the church, it's Jesus Christ as well.

He is the base. He is the trunk of the menorah. The Holy Ghost, the olive oil that they used to use was the source of the flame. And although we don't use olive oil today for the candles, we still recognize that the source of the flame, the source of the fire is still yet the Holy Ghost, regardless.

Recognizing that Jesus is the consuming fire, that he is the lake of fire, that he is the major big fire and that we are little fires, that we are spirits, that he is spirit.

All these different symbolisms, multiple symbolisms and edifications that you can think about while you're looking at the fire.

To think about all these things and about how these things affect you and your thinking and your life and your mentality and your focus. Amen.

It's very edifying, very beneficial. So yes, you can pray or worship with incense and candles and a prayer shawl. These things are fully acceptable and edifying and helpful to feel closer to God.

I would encourage you to do all of this.

So this concludes the sermon. I appreciate you hearing me out on this matter. And we'll put on a song and then we'll be back with your questions, your comments and your testimonies.

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