

## Participant or Observer?

### Description

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Psalm 27:1-14

Worship requires participation not just observation. King David had flaws, yet he earnestly gave himself to worship. In Second Samuel we read about when he brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, "Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets" (2 Sam. 6:14-15). Gazing on from a nearby window was Michal, David's wife and daughter of King Saul. Her proud heart would not allow her to join her husband in rejoicing in God's faithfulness. When she expressed her disdain David defiantly replied, "I will celebrate before the LORD" (2 Sam. 6:21b). The Bible simply notes, "Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death" (2 Sam. 6:22). A heart too proud to worship only brings spiritual barrenness.

David could proclaim, "At his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord" (Ps. 27:6b). Spiritual blessing is found in heartfelt worship of our mighty God.

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