

The Purpose and Power of Praise & Worship  
Chapter 1  
God's Original Plan for Mankind

1 PRINCIPLE

God created man to share His image and authority

**Genesis 1:26-28:** Putting your name in where it reads "man" or "them."

"Then God said, "Let Us Make \_\_\_\_\_ in Our image...

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**Psalm 8:4-6:** same as above

"What is \_\_\_\_\_ that You are mindful of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ that You care for \_\_\_\_\_? You made...

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Since the word *Eden* refers to a place of God's presence, look up the following Scriptures to see the effect of God's presence:

**Isaiah 51:3** \_\_\_\_\_

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And the beauty of God's presence:

**Ezekiel 28:13** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2 PURPOSE

How much of God's image do you have evident in you?

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Where do you need a little more of God's image in your life?

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When do you find it easy to exercise the authority God has given you?

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When is it most difficult?

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## 3 PRACTICE

Think about the day ahead of you. What situations do you face where you need to take the authority of God with you? What is your plan of action for operating in His authority rather than abdicating it?

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In what relationship do you need to reflect more of God's image than you have in the past? When will you see or speak with this person next? *(If it is not going to take place soon, schedule a time in the next week.)* How should you prepare for this meeting?

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#### 4 POWER

The only way to have the power to *practice* what you have planned is to:

1. Follow the principles from the Word .
2. Connect with our Manufacturer and Source.

Take time in your personal life to work on these.

1. What principle from God's Word should be your *modus operandi* (method of procedure) for the situations or relationships that you face? (*For example: If you are having trouble with your boss at work, you may want to look up 1 Timothy 2:1-3*). Take a Scripture or a Bible character or a story that reflects this principle and meditate on it. Confess what you have not done up to this point. Ask God to give you His point of view and change *your* heart to match His.
2. Take a time of worship right now. Connecting with God is a source of unlimited power. Sing a song or hymn or chorus that matches God's character trait that you need to put into your life. Sing it until your spirit touches His Spirit. Thank Him for that specific trait. Love Him for that characteristic. Receive from the Lord a measure of His likeness as you worship Him for who He is.

#### 5 PLAYBACK

Throughout your day, sing to yourself the song that you sang to the Lord in worship.

Let your mind continually fall back to the place of never leaving His presence.

Let your heart secure itself in His love so that you can move on God's behalf in every situation and relationship you face during the day.