## "Here I Am To Worship" By Kirk Hunt

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1 NKJV

Song: "Here I Am To Worship"
Original Psalmist: <u>Tim Hughes</u>
Covering Psalmist: <u>Israel Houghton</u>

Why did you come? To worship God? To (re-)acknowledge Him as Lord of your life? Really?

Isaiah was performing rituals. His tasks and actions, standing in the middle of the original Temple, were intended to be devotion to God. Instead, somehow, he slipped into real worship and made true contact with God.

Your actions may be officially sanctioned. Your activities might be correct and proper. That does not make them sincere or authentic. Going through the motions is not the worship that God wants or deserves.

Momentum may carry you, but can be insincere. Ritual and habit can hide the authentic. God wants what you give to be from your heart.

He does not want the glossy, polished version, if it lacks heart. God wants the real article that comes from the bottom of your heart. Your worship should smell and taste like the real you.

Close your checklist. Stop in the middle of the sequence. Push the official and authorized to the side.

Look up and see Him. Let your heart fill with Him. Look past the things and people around you and reach out to the God you love and serve.

Authorized and sanctioned have their place. Rituals and ceremonies have their meaning. What God really wants is you.

**Think:** Is this really worship? Is this really why I came?

**Pray:** "Father-God, You are the reason I came. Really and sincerely."

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