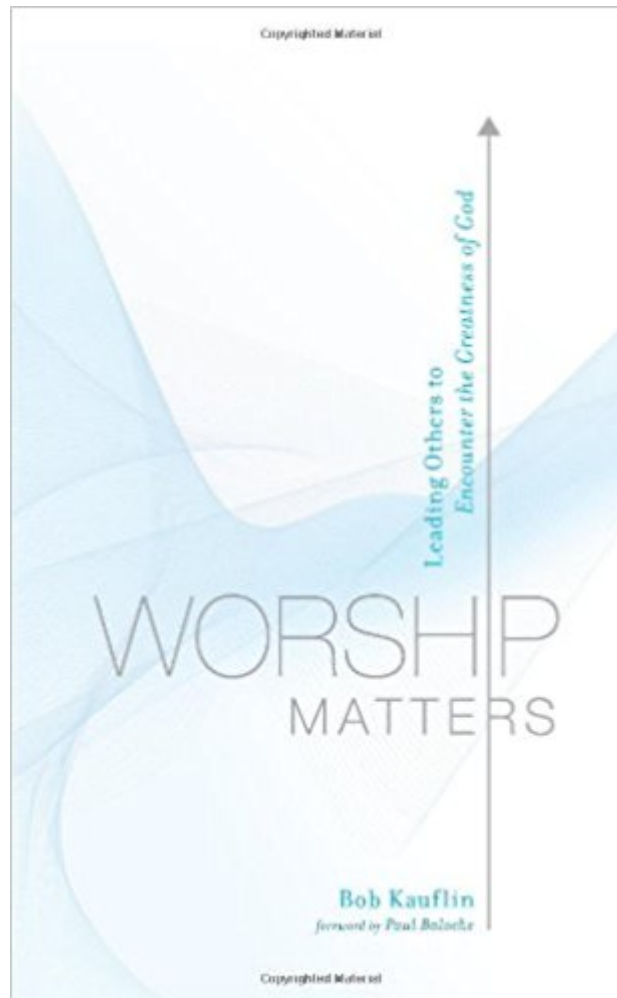




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# Worship Matters: Leading Others To Encounter The Greatness Of God



## Synopsis

Nothing is more essential than knowing how to worship the God who created us. This book focuses readers on the essentials of God-honoring worship, combining biblical foundations with practical application in a way that works in the real world. The author, a pastor and noted songwriter, skillfully instructs pastors, musicians, and church leaders so that they can root their congregational worship in unchanging scriptural principles, not divisive cultural trends. Bob Kauflin covers a variety of topics such as the devastating effects of worshiping the wrong things, how to base our worship on God's self-revelation rather than our assumptions, the fuel of worship, the community of worship, and the ways that eternity's worship should affect our earthly worship. Appropriate for Christians from varied backgrounds and for various denominations, this book will bring a vital perspective to what readers think they understand about praising God.

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## Customer Reviews

"Bob loves God, values theology, and cares about people. This mix is found throughout this wonderful and helpful book. Worship Matters will inspire you as a worshiper and spur you on as a leader of worship." — Matt Redman, recording artist; songwriter; worship leader, Brighton

"Bob Kauflin is teaching a new generation to take corporate worship seriously in a fashion that is simultaneously biblically faithful and addressing today's culture." — D. A. Carson, research professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; cofounder, The Gospel Coalition

"This book is thoroughly biblical, comprehensive, balanced, clear, and

engaging. Worship leaders must read it, and it will be a great help to anyone interested in finding out what biblical worship is about and how to worship from the heart." — John M. Frame, professor of systematic theology and philosophy emeritus, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando

"Bob's approach is humble, yet authoritative; comprehensive, yet inspirational. And if you take his gentle but clear teaching onboard, it will help make you fully equipped in mind, heart, and spirit to lead others in worship. I wholeheartedly recommend it." — Stuart Townend, Christian songwriter

"An outstanding book both for those who lead worship and also for every Christian who wants to worship God more fully. The book is biblical, practical, interesting, wise, and thorough in its treatment of the topic. The next time I teach on worship, I plan to make this the required text." — Wayne Grudem, Research Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies, Phoenix Seminary

"Humility. Self-deprecating humor. Practical wisdom. And not just for music leaders. What a refreshing read! I've gained from Bob Kauflin, and if you read this, you will too." — Mark Dever, pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC; president, 9Marks

"Bob is a pastor, a teacher, and a skilled musician. And this book captures his heart, his zealous pursuit of God, and his many years of real-life experience leading worship. That's why his book deserves the careful study of pastors and worship leaders alike." — Joshua Harris, Former Senior Pastor, Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland; author, *Dug Down Deep*

Bob Kauflin is a pastor, songwriter, worship leader, and author with over thirty-five years experience. After pastoring for 12 years, he became director of Sovereign Grace Music in 1997. He oversees the production of their albums and teaches on congregational worship through WorshipGod conferences, seminars, and his blog, [worshipmatters.com](http://worshipmatters.com). He is currently an elder at Sovereign Grace Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Julie, have six children and an ever-growing number of grandchildren.

*Worship Matters* by Bob Kauflin is a great read on the subject of worship. In the book, Kauflin covers not just why we worship, and not just on the biblical perspectives of worship, but also on the nuts and bolts of how worship leaders can lead more effectively, how we can keep ourselves grounded and avoid some of the pitfalls common to those who lead in the church, and finally, how we can be better staff members and support for our pastors. The book is loaded with not only helpful tips, but truly deep insights that could only come from someone who has pursued worship as a lifestyle. I love that Kauflin never tries to parade superiority or overconfidence over the reader, but instead teaches through the examples of his own mistakes through his many years as a worship

leader and pastor. This book will benefit not only the new worship leader, but anyone who is serious about being part of a biblical, God-centered ministry. With *Worship Matters*, Kauflin has given the church a book that is worthy of not just reading, but of reading over and over again. Exceptional.

I've read it twice now in the short time I've owned it and that won't be the last. There are so many practical and spiritual lessons. A must-read for worship teams everywhere.

Extremely insightful book that's helped me set my heart right and understand more deeply what goes into worship and how to praise God in spirit and in truth.

Excellent foundation. Great annotated bibliography. Every worship leader at any age should be familiar with this material. I recommend this highly.

This book is one of the most balanced I have read on the subject of worship. My worship pastor and I have been going through it together and it helps us both focus on the same ideas. Well written, thought provoking and full of great scriptural truths. Get it soon.

I have been a christian for over 30 years and found that this book has ignited a new and fresh beginning on expressing my love to God. I have learned the key to worshipping with not just my heart but from within my heart. I love to evangelize and introduce others to Christ and watch their lives began to be transform by Gods word and His love. And now I have learned to evangelize through worship by leading others to meet our savior. Thank you so much Bob Kauflin for blessing us with this book.

This is a great resource for any person who leads musical worship to read. When I was younger, leading worship meant picking 5 songs we hadn't done in a while with no consideration for the lyrical content, the service itself or the scriptural context being taught that week. Kauflin does a great job challenging this type of "leadership" and provides great advice (and practical tips) on how to take your leadership role to the next level.

This is great material here. It is a book that hits the important aspects of our Worship to God as individuals and as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ! He begins his first few chapters making sure that the reader understands what is important is our hearts (what do we love), our

understanding (what do we believe), our commitment (what do we practice), and our way of living (what do we model our lives after). These are the drivers which Mr. Kauflin addresses (and I believe even stresses) that cannot be left behind as the reader presses deeper into the book. Each chapter is a short read...I think the longest is probably 15, maybe 20 pages long? I've read some books that attempt to drive home its points multiple times within a chapter and (for me) it starts to feel like beating a dead horse. Other books have the longest stories ever such that you forget what the point was to begin with until the chapter ends and you're like "...oh, yeah, that's what this chapter was about...". Not so with this book by Mr. Kauflin. He has done an amazing job being short and to the point for all serving in our Worship to God. If you want something that is much more in-depth (I would call these dense books) about Worship, you may find yourself hungry for more than what this book will share. But if you're looking for something short, concise, and clear regarding our Worship, you may very well find this book to be a great resource. If you're a praise leader or a praise team member, you should definitely pick this book up. If you're a Pastor or Director looking for a contemporary read on Worship, this is also good material...although I suspect that, if you are one, you likely have better material or want more in-depth material than what this may cover.

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