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Psalms 96:9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.



From the Editor

In the Fall 2021 issue of the *Midwest Pilgrim News*, Rowan Fay wrote an article entitled Cause and Effect Evangelism. In that article he made a statement of which I would like to remind us.

"God is looking for worshippers, not watchers. A lot of people who attend church watch more than they worship. True worshippers affect the atmosphere; the effect is that sinners are hungrier for God. Cause and effect! Isn't it amazing that the first step in becoming an influence on sinners is to become a good worshipper?"

What a powerful reminder! We have only to look back on the worship services of yesterday to know the truth of this statement. How well we remember the impact that the saints of God had upon our own life! Voices lifted in song and prayer, testimonies full of energy and enthusiasm, faces glowing with joy; all brought curiosity, conviction, and challenge to our hearts. We wondered at the saint's connection with God and wanted the same thing for ourselves.

H. Robb French's mother believed that a boring family altar might give the wrong impression of God to her children, so she conducted family altar like a church service. She set up chairs, sang songs, and prayed and praised God with such fervency that H. Robb was convicted at 4 years of age and gave his heart to Jesus.

May God also help us in these last days to follow suit. We do not want to give the wrong impression of God by lazy, half-hearted worship. Let us love God with such passion that vibrant worship is second nature to us. We would no more sit and observe others worshipping than we would sit and watch others enjoy a banquet without enjoying it ourselves. With His help people can be made hungrier for Him, just as our appetite was whetted by those gone on before.

Happy Worshipping,

Pastor Tim Forsee



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The President's Page

Rev. Donald Nichols

An Invitation to Worship

Have you read the 100th Psalm lately? In it I see an invitation to worship Almighty God. Really, the entire Psalm is a call to worship. The last two verses are especially meaningful:

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Today a lot of thought and practice go into developing forms of worship that seem to flow in thought and meter, to usher one into God's presence. Worship teams have been put together for the purpose of methodically leading church attendees to experience God's presence through prayer, singing of hymns, choruses, and gospel songs, and moments of contemplation and introspection. There is no greater joy for the child of God than to sense God's Presence, well aware of His majesty, holiness, glory and power.

This practice seems to come from the Old Testament way of worshiping God. King David appointed Asaph over the team tasked with using music and verse to bring glory to the Creator Lord. (I Chron 16:4-29)

Please read Psalm 100 and notice the invitation. Then see if you can identify the elements of worship the psalmist mentions. You will find great benefit in incorporating what you learn the next time you have an opportunity to worship.

Prepare yourself ahead of time, because God wants us to worship Him "in spirit and in truth." What helps you to worship God? What hinders? Public worship is so important, serving as an accountability of the worshiper to the body of believers, but also connecting him with them in fellowship while giving God the glory He deserves. You can and should worship God wherever you are, for all of life is worship for the Christian believer.

Let's focus on the intentional worship of our Heavenly Father as we seek to learn to worship Him better. He is worthy of our highest worship.

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News From Our Churches

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Many things continue to happen here at NPHC. March 2, 2024, was Home-going for Brother Harold Lower. Our church is saddened by his loss. He was a bus driver who also drove for our Outreach Ministry. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen his family. Also, we are thankful for the seniors in our church. In appreciation, the church honored them with a luncheon. It was a great time of fellowship. We love our older saints, but we are always excited to welcome new life into the church. Autumn Marie Forsee was born to Daniel and LeAnn Forsee on March 24th. We congratulate them.

We are so grateful for our Sunday School teachers and our junior and teen church leaders. They take their roles seriously. On Palm Sunday the children learned about the Passover and participated in the meal as they learned. Then we celebrated a wonderful Easter Sunday, starting with a Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast. All throughout the day, we rejoiced and celebrated the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday morning, April 7th, Hobe Sound Bible College Choir sang in our service. They were such a blessing and encouragement to us. Later that week, many of our congregation were blessed to be able to attend IHC in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. During this time, our own Pastor Josh Modlin, along with Clayton Plemmons, preached in the From the Heart Session. We are so grateful that God is raising up young men to carry the torch of holiness!

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast continues each month. We are thankful for godly men in our church who meet and intercede for needs of the church. Also, we thank Dr. Steve Miller for his leadership in these times of prayer. We give special thanks, as well, to our Ladies' Ministry Team for their faithfulness in organizing our spring banquet and other ladies' events. Most of all, we praise God for His faithfulness to us and for the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Forsee.



Why is Modern Worship so Loud?

A lead audio technicians' response: (Black Electric)

***Our congregation likes it.** We have services aimed at older audiences that have low volume and more traditional hymns, but our largest services are the ones we play loud. People like to sing loud without worrying about others hearing them. It helps them feel less self-conscious.

***It's the style of the music.** A lot of contemporary music is very rock and pop influenced which uses a "wall of sound" style of mixing. If it's done quietly, it sounds very weak.

***It's more immersive.** When you have loud and high-quality audio it takes away a lot of distractions and you have a more emotional connection.

***Obviously, it's not for everyone, but the current generation (and especially the youth) really enjoy it.** I would recommend ear plugs for the 20 minutes they play music or switching to a smaller church. Also, churches will not play music at a volume where there's enough time to give a regular person hearing damage during a service. At our 90dB we could go 8 hours constant without any hearing damage. Even if we bump it to 95 dB we have an hour.

Worship Through Music

By Connie Hilligoss

In the Bible, worship and music are intertwined in a beautiful tapestry of praise and adoration to God. Ephesians 5:19 highlights the variety of ways in which we can express our worship. From psalms, which are expressions of praise in poetry, to hymns, which proclaim timeless truths about doctrine and God's character, to spiritual songs, which overflow from our personal testimony; each form of music serves as a conduit for our worship.

When we engage in worship through music, we aren't just singing for the sake of it; we're communicating with God and with each other. As we sing (or even read) psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we're reminding ourselves of God's faithfulness, declaring His greatness, and encouraging one another in our faith. It's a community experience that binds us together as the body of Christ and strengthens our relationship with God and with each other.

Also, worship through music isn't only about the melodies and harmonies; it's about the posture of our hearts. Making melody in our hearts to the Lord goes beyond the physical act of singing; it's about cultivating a spirit of gratitude and reverence towards God in everything we do. Believers can both sing with their voice and live with a song in their heart. Whether in times of joy or sorrow, our worship through music becomes a constant reminder of God's presence in our lives and helps our worship to not become mundane.

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Worship Wars

Pentecostal Pandemonium

Some years ago, a Pentecostal church found itself facing a lawsuit. Neighbors that lived near the church signed a petition protesting the church's chronic violation of noise ordinance laws. It seems that the instruments, singing, shouting, and passionate preaching could be heard in people's homes even with the doors and windows closed. The judge sided with the neighborhood and ordered the church to install soundproof doors and windows.

The Lesson: If you don't have soundproof walls, you better turn down the volume.



Come Into His Presence

By Nancy Grissom

How could it be that “feeble as frail” man could somehow come into a conscience knowledge that we are in the presence of the “Ancient of Days?” That we are in a position to rightfully worship our Creator; the One in whose image we creatures are made? I believe coming into His presence must precede our worship of Him. R.A. Torrey is quoted as saying “we should look to the Holy Spirit to really lead us into the presence of God, and should not be hasty in words until He has actually brought us there.”

SCRIPTURE

So, by what means can we cultivate an atmosphere into which we can prepare our hearts for worship? Often times it is by speaking Scriptures such as Heb 10:19, 22 that we position our spirit to adore Him. “I am boldly entering into the holiest (His presence) by the blood of Jesus...I am drawing near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having my heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, and my body is washed with pure water.” Or repeat with the Psalmist, “My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.” Or say like John the Revelator, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Re-speaking His Words draws us near to Him.

SILENCE

Another way to enter His presence is through the practice of silence. We can follow Jesus' example and seek solitude with The Father in a solitary place as found in Mark 1:35. This is literally shutting out any earthly distractions and stilling our self before God. David wrote in Psalms 46:10, “Be still and know that I am God”. Hannah Whitehall Smith said, “I composed my body to perfect stillness, and I constrained my troubled spirit into quietness, and looked up and waited. And then I did “know that it was God”. Francois Fenelon wrote, “The silence of all outward and earthly affection and of human thoughts within us is essential if we are to hear His voice.”

Let us listen until He bears witness that we have gained an audience with Him.

SINGING

And lastly, we many times can enter His gates with singing! “Oh, gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;” another portion of the hymn Oh Worship The King, that I quoted above. “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.” (Heber) ...will never fail to lift up our spirit, and “Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!” (Boberg)... crescendos to heights of pure adoration.

How could it be that with our human limitations we are able to experience true worship to our Creator? To be able to ascribe to Him the glory of which He is worthy? By speaking scripture, by intentionally drawing in our thoughts until we hear Him beckon to us, and by singing in adoration to our ever-deserving God.

**“O measureless Might, unchangeable
Love, whom angels delight to worship
above! Your ransomed creation, with
glory ablaze, in true adoration shall
sing to your praise!”**

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Presbyterian Passivity

The pastor of a large Presbyterian church was concerned that his congregation was not showing enough emotion during worship. Putting his mind to the problem, he finally came up with a solution. The next Sunday he passed out balloons to every person that came through the door. He explained to everyone how worthy God is of praise and how He desires us to praise Him continually. He then encouraged everyone to use their balloon to praise the Lord. At any point during the service if they had a testimony or were simply feeling joy they needed to express, they could simply let go of their balloon. The rising balloon would be an offering of praise to God. All throughout the service an occasional balloon would rise silently to the ceiling. Sadly, the hour service concluded with most people still holding their balloons.

The lesson: Don't deprive God of your balloon!





WHAT IS WORSHIP?

By Dr. Randall McElwain

Worship has become a battlefield in many churches today. Sadly, worship of “one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Eph 4:6) often becomes divisive rather than unifying.

With all the attention we give to worship styles, we can fail to ask the deeper question, “What is worship?” Is worship simply a twenty-minute music segment? Is it an emotional catharsis created as we sway to the rhythm of a praise band?

The Bible shows that true worship is far more than a scheduled service or an emotional experience. One of my favorite definitions of worship comes from Warren Wiersbe: “Worship is the response of all that we are to all that God is.” True worship affects all of life.

There are several words associated with worship in Scripture. These words show what it means to worship “in spirit and in truth.”

Worship is Reverent Submission to God

The word most often translated “worship” in the Bible carries the idea of “falling down” before God. In worship, we bow in reverent submission to God. We see this word in Revelation when John saw the worship in heaven:

The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Rev 4:10-11)

Our modern word worship comes from an Old English word, “worthship.” To offer “worthship” meant to recognize and honor a person’s worth. This is what it means to worship God — to give Him the honor of which He is truly worthy. In true worship we bow our hearts in humble submission to an all-powerful God.

Worship is Obedient Service to God

Another New Testament word shows our obedient service to God. Paul used this word when he wrote: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Rom 12:1).

A holy God requires obedient service by a holy people. This word shows that worship is more than what happens on Sunday in a church building. Worship does not end when the public meeting ends; true worship affects all areas of our life.

Worship is Joyful Celebration of God

The word “praise” is used more than 130 times in the book of Psalms to refer to worship. Much of today’s joyful praise and worship music shows that worship should celebrate God.

We must never lose our reverence for God, but we should never lose our joy. We do not worship an austere and distant God. We worship a good God who delights in the praises of His people.

Worship is Fellowship with God and Other Believers

In the New Testament, the word “fellowship” is often used in the context of worship. The early Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

As you worship next Sunday, realize that our worship today is a taste of the joys of worship in heaven. Someday, we will worship eternally in fellowship with God and with other believers. Our worship here should reflect the unity of our heavenly worship.

Worship Affects All of Life

Another New Testament term for worship, often translated “religion,” shows that worship means obedience to God in every area of life. James wrote: If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world (James 1:26-27).

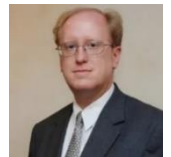
Worship is more than what happens on Sunday. Worship includes all of life. Our weekly worship service is a focused expression of our worship, but we must go beyond a weekly service. We must maintain a “lifestyle of worship.” True worship is seen in daily submission to God.

What does that mean? According to James, if I sing praise songs on Sunday, but fail to control my tongue on Monday, my worship is false. “Pure and undefiled” worship includes both the practical aspects of service (visiting orphans and widows) and the daily discipline of obedience (keeping oneself unstained from the world).

Isaiah saw a vision of God on His throne and his life was transformed. “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me’” (Isaiah 6:8).

What is worship? Worship is a life-changing response to God’s revelation of Himself. True worship transforms our life and makes us willing and effective servants of God. Worship is “the response of all that we are to all that God is.”

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Lifeway Research Center Ministry Statistics

*Less than half of Americans say they belong to a house of worship, marking the first time, since Gallup began collecting data in 1937, a majority aren’t part of a church, synagogue, or mosque. Religious membership was stable throughout the 20th century but fell from 70% in 2000 to 47% in 2020.

*63% of Americans identify as Christian: That marks a 15-point drop in the past 14 years according to Pew Research, as 78% called themselves Christian in 2007.

*4,500 U.S. Protestant churches closed in 2019.

*57% of Americans think at least monthly about how they can find more meaning and purpose but are less likely to strongly believe finding a higher meaning and purpose is important. Americans are also more likely to contemplate whether they will go to heaven when they die but less likely to strongly believe there is more to life than this physical world.

*Since 2008, the average percentage of senior participants in congregations (65 and older) has risen 5%. 33% of U.S. congregations are senior citizens. Not only are congregations growing older, so are their leaders. The average clergy member is 57 today compared to 50 in 2000.

*7 in 10 U.S. churches have 100 or fewer weekly worship service attendees, while 7 in 10 U.S. churchgoers attend a church with more than 250 each week. Half of all churches have fewer than 65 people in their weekly worship service. Congregations are increasingly small, while remaining churchgoers are increasingly headed toward larger churches. (Aaron Earls)

*Only 3 in 10 unchurched Americans say a Christian has ever shared with them how to become a Christian. Only 33% say a Christian has told them about the benefits of a local church or the benefits of becoming a Christian (35%).



The Art of Song Leading



Martin Luther once wrote, “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world;” and many years later Cliff Barrows, the song leader of the Billy Graham Crusades said that “The Christian faith is a singing faith, and the best way to express it and share it with others is in community singing,”

Both of these quotes are true and good reminders that singing is an integral part of the business of the church. Not only is congregational singing an act of worship to God, it is a tool of encouragement, instruction, outreach, and unity. A singing church is an attractive church that pleases God and accomplishes His purposes. Obviously, we need to sing with sincerity and excellence.

The following is a list of instructions for song leaders who are entrusted with this critical ministry. This list is adapted from *Effective Leading of Congregational Singing in Worship* by M. Raymer and R. Robins and is available in PDF format. We highly recommend this free resource for all song leaders. You may find it on speakingdoctrine.com.

1. A Worship Leader Should be Gifted: It is always nice to have someone brave enough to lead out in a song but that does not qualify someone as a song leader. A song leader should at least be able to do the following:

- Carry a consistent melodic tune on key.
- Reliably match a musical tone with his voice.
- Understand basic music notation and scales.
- Sing in the pitch class range that accommodates the lead melody part.
- Be strong in doctrine, communication and leadership skills, and caring.

2. A Worship Leader Should be Prepared: If one was teaching a Sunday School class, they would want to study before the last minute, however, song leaders are often content to pick out a few songs as they are rushing out the door. This is simply not adequate preparation for something this important. The quality of

leadership will be proportional to the amount of time spent preparing. Strive to do your best for the Lord.

3. Songs Should Be Spiritual in Nature:

Worship should not resemble worldly entertainment. As song leaders, we must endeavor to incorporate the spiritual characteristics of praise, teaching, and edification in the songs we select and the way we lead them. Anything short of this hinders the worship of those in attendance rather than uplifting and drawing them to Christ. It is also important that songs are word based. Unintellectual sounds and vocalizations, such as whistling, humming, and noises of the mouth to imitate strings, horns, and drums, are incapable of producing instruction in the word and have no place in our worship.

4. A Worship Leader Should be Considerate:

Make sure your song selection is appropriate to your congregation. Your song selection should be in a key that is natural and comfortable. Try to accommodate the voice range of the majority. It is also wise to avoid songs that are excessively complex until your congregation has been taught to sing them. Poorly planned song selection can ruin the worship time.

5. Implement Variety: Some songs are old friends but be careful not to overuse the same songs. Expand your repertoire with new material. Incorporate a mix of old and new hymns and choruses. Consider scheduling special congregational singing practice to master new material.

6. Your Appearance Should be Respectable:

While there is no dress code for a song leader specified in scripture, one's appearance does leave an impression on the congregation. Pay careful attention to personal grooming, clothing selection, and posture. A song leader should demonstrate modesty, reverence, and decorum.

7. Know What Is Expected of You: The role of song leader is a sacred trust. A song leader is given the responsibility of leading people into God's presence, setting the

A Call For Teen Worship

Worship in the bible is mentioned more than 8,000 times. The command to praise the Lord is given 543 times in all 13 bible translations. A variation of the word "thank" is found 139 times. Furthermore, Revelation 4:11 reminds us that we were created to bring glory and honor to God. Clearly, coming before God to praise and worship Him is something God both enjoys and wants us to do.

THE QUESTION IS: WHO DOES GOD WANT TO PRAISE HIM? Is praise limited to teachers, preachers, and silver-haired saints, or does He have something more in mind?

The scripture answers that question for us. Listen to some verses. **Psalms 67:5** "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." **Matthew 21:16b** (CEV) joins with that when Jesus said, "Don't you know that the Scriptures say, 'Children and infants will sing praises'?" And finally, **Psalms 150:6** "Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

As you can see there is no age limit on worship. God wants everyone and everything to praise His name: grandmothers, grandfathers, moms, dads, children, and teens.

God has been good to all of us, and desires our worship in return. If He has given us 168 hours a week to enjoy, surely, we can be grateful enough to celebrate Him in those hours, especially the times of corporate worship.

How disappointed God must be to see teens come to church but are too distracted to focus on Him. They never join in the singing, offer a testimony, join in the prayer time, or listen to the sermon because they are too busy reading Sunday School papers, playing on their phones, sleeping, or goofing off.

Young people, you are too old for this kind of behavior. The time has come for you to put away childish conduct and get serious about walking with God. God has so much He wants to share with you and prepare you for that cannot be enjoyed without a little effort on your part.

Let me encourage you to a life of worship starting now. Make a conscious decision to reach out in God's direction no matter what others are doing around you. The following are some suggestions that will help you spiritually.

- Come to worship rested and on time.
- Select a seat that will minimize distraction.
- Bring your bible and a testimony.
- Turn off your phone.
- Discipline yourself to sing and pray during corporate worship.
- Listen to the sermon carefully and take notes in your bible or a journal.
- Seek to honor God throughout the week in your thoughts, behavior, and decisions.

A little discipline regarding worship will do wonders for your relationship with God. You will be amazed by the joy you experience and the influence you will gain for the Kingdom. We are praying for your spiritual success.

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From Page 10:stage for the sermon, and the handling of any situation that may arise during worship. Stay in touch with your superiors to understand their vision for the church's worship and what is expected of you. Do not take undue liberties.

8. Be Punctual: Understand the stress generated among the leaders of the service when you are not in place at the proper time. The whole worship experience is undermined if another leader must be found on the spur of the moment. Make sure you are present well ahead of schedule. Let the chairman of the service know you are present and ready. This allows time for prayerful meditation and for you to communicate with the sound crew and musicians about any changes to your song selection. Your calm, unhurried demeanor contributes greatly to the success of the worship time.

9. Be Personable and Confident: It is important to make eye contact with the congregation as you announce songs and make comments. This may feel awkward at first but will get easier with practice. Always speak loudly and clearly enough to be understood by those in the back row. When the opportunity is yours, always begin the service with a brief greeting to those assembled, especially to those that may be visiting. Try to create a friendly but reverent atmosphere that allows everyone to freely participate. Never apologize for your song leadership. Do not say that you have never led a certain song before as an excuse for poor leadership. Remarks such as these contribute nothing to edification. Confidence is a must for a competent leader.

10. Consider Using Hand Directions: It is best

to always direct the songs using an effective hand movement. Hand directing is important for the musicians and congregation to know where you are heading in regard to timing and tempo. If you are unfamiliar with hand directions, learning them is a worthy investment of your time. It will definitely enhance your competency and the overall worship experience.

11. Lead with Joy: The song leader is often the first face the congregations sees as the service begins. Your demeanor will set the tone for the rest of the service. When a song leader is sad, depressed, or unenthused about what he is doing, it can be difficult for the pastor to salvage the service. Show enthusiasm as you begin to lead singing. Those in attendance will sense that you are happy to be there and will follow suit.

Considering the purposes of singing, it becomes evident that it is something to which we as God's people, not just the song leaders, need to give careful self-examination. Of all the acts of assembled worship, singing involves the greatest degree of perceptible activity on the part of those assembled. However, just as the admonition to partake of the Lord's Supper with discernment, the heart should likewise be in our singing. Similarly, as God expected the best of the livestock for a sacrifice, He would also expect our best effort in this form of worship. ~M. Raymer

<http://speaking sound doctrine.com/PDF/SongLeading.pdf>

C. S. Lewis believed singing completes our faith, explaining in his book *Reflections on the Psalms*, “I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.”



Great Quotes on Worship

1. I desire only Him and to be wholly His. — Brother Lawrence
2. God wants worshipers before workers; indeed the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the lost art of worship. — A. W. Tozer
3. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. — John Wesley
4. God directs his people not simply to worship but to sing his praises ‘before the nations.’ We are called not simply to communicate the gospel to nonbelievers; we must also intentionally celebrate the gospel before them. — Timothy J. Keller
5. We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders.— G. K. Chesterton
6. The worship to which we are called in our renewed state is far too important to be left to personal preferences, to whims, or to marketing strategies. It is the pleasing of God that is at the heart of worship. Therefore, our worship must be informed at every point by the Word of God as we seek God’s own instructions for worship that is pleasing to Him. — R. C. Sproul