

# Robert E. Webber Quotes

by Robert E. Webber

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of worship as the source of the church's power and the need for a spiritual habit of life in engaging with modern culture and society.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 19:1, John 4:24, Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12, Colossians 3:16

**Topics:** "Worship And Spirituality", "Postmodern Faith"

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## Description

Robert E. Webber emphasizes that God communicates His healing presence through life, people, and the physical world. He highlights the importance of worship as the source of the church's power, urging a shift from merely 'having' spirituality to 'being' spiritual as a continuous state of being. Webber discusses the evolution of faith engagement through different eras and challenges the church to engage with the complexities of the postmodern world. He appreciates the Anglican spiritual tradition for providing purposeful spiritual direction and values the Episcopal Church for its unity amidst diversity and acceptance of various forms of church expression.

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## Transcript

"God works through life, through people, and through physical, tangible, and material reality to communicate his healing presence in our lives."

"For years, the church has emphasized evangelism, teaching, fellowship, missions, and service to society to the neglect of the very source of its power--worship."

"We must learn, then, not to HAVE a spirituality, something we turn on at a particular place or time, but to BE spiritual, as a habit of life, a continuous state of being. It is to this end that we seek after God in the stillness and hubbub of life, but always and everywhere in and through the church, where Christ is made present to us and, through us, to the world."

"The faith engaged with Platonism in the ancient world, with Aristotle in the medieval world, with nominalism in the Reformation era, and with rationalism in the modern world. Now the church must engage with the emergence of a postmodern, post-Christian, neo-pagan world."

"There is something explainable about what man has accomplished in God's creation, while the creation itself remains a mystery."

"I find when most people are honest about their spiritual pilgrimage, they admit to the difficulty of maintaining the habit of a spiritual discipline. What attracts me most about the Anglican spiritual tradition is that it provides purposeful spiritual direction in the life of Christ."

"In the Episcopal Church I find a healthy sense of unity and diversity. In this tradition we recognize that that which holds the church together is more important than that which divides the church."

"The church has unfolded in many forms, and no one single external form stands alone as the CORRECT visible expression. As the church settled in various geographical areas and as it penetrated through a variety of cultures, it found expression in multifaceted forms. Thus, the insistence that the church must exist in a single form is a denial not only of the richness of creation, but also of the complexities of the human response."

"Because God is the subject who acts upon me in worship, my participation is not reduced to verbal responses or to singing, but it is living in the pattern of the one who is revealed in worship."

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