

Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Worship Matters

"Worship" appears almost 200 times in Bible.

Must make sure that we worship God in the way He has specified

If don't worship God acceptably, might as well shut doors - **Malachi 1:6-14**

To honor and magnify God - **Psalm 29:1-3**

To draw nigh unto God - **James 4:8**

To strengthen and edify those that participate - **1Corinthians 14:26**

First Sunday has focused on worship

Considered "acts" of worship

Does assembly encompass all of our worship?

Just what is "worship"?

Worship Defined

Several misconceptions

All we do is worship - worship and service are same

Ervin Bishop said worship "encompasses the worshipper's total life and relationship with God"

Firm Foundation, March 1973, p. 7.

Jim McGuiggan wrote, "Worship is as broad as the Christian life." (doing homage, honoring.)

Romans Comm., pp. 338-348.

All worship service, not all service worship. - **Deuteronomy 11:16; Matthew 4:10; Genesis 22:5; Acts 8:27**

Worship of God is not defined in Scripture.

"worship of God is nowhere defined in scripture" Vine's, p. 686

Given O. Blakely said, "Precisely where has God authorized any element of worship in any place at any time? - **Leviticus 10:1-3**

An "existential moment," "holy WOW" Rubel Shelly, taped lesson, 1991.

God always defined worship He desires - **John 4:24; Hebrews 11:4**

The origin of the word - not a special "church" word

The English word "worship" derives from "worth-ship" and implies an expression of worthiness, honor, praise, or exaltation.

English "worship" translates several Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

Shachah, H7812 primary O.T. term (99/116)

"prostrate oneself or to bow self down"

Also translated "bow down", "bow down selves", "bow selves", "do Obeisance", "fall down", "fall flat", "Humbly beseech", "Make Obeisance"

Greek denotes an act of reverence, whether to creature or Creator

Proskuneo, G4352 primary NT word. (59/76)

"to kiss toward one in token of reverence."

(17 other instances from 10 different words)

Worship Motive

Thankfulness for what He has done - **Psalm 95:2-3; Hebrews 13:15**

Fear and reverence for His holy name - **Psalm 89:7; Revelation 15:4**

Desire to be in His presence - **Matthew 18:20; 26:28-29**

Desire to please our Creator - **Revelation 4:11**

Love for Him - **John 14:15; 1John 4:19**

Worship Manner

Vain worship, will worship, & ignorant worship are condemned.

Sincerity must be joined with truth - **1Corinthians 5:8**

Saints learned quickly how to worship God - **Acts 2:42**

Lord clearly outlined manner which God worshipped - **John 4:23-24**

Object is Deity - **Matthew 4:10**

An Absolute - **John 4:24**

Attitude is Joyful - **Psalms 122:1**

Authority from The Word - **Colossians 3:17; 1Peter 4:11**

Specific ways by which we worship

Singing, Praying, Giving, Lord's Supper, Preaching/Teaching

True Worship

John 4:23

"In Spirit"

"The word spirit, here, stands opposed to rites and ceremonies, and to the pomp of external worship. It refers to the mind, the souls, the heart. They shall worship God with a sincere mind; with the simple offering of gratitude and prayer; with a desire to glorify him, and without external pomp and splendour. Spiritual worship is that where the heart is offered to God, and where we do not depend on external forms for acceptance." (Barnes Notes)

"In Truth"

"Not through the medium of shadows and types, not by means of sacrifices and bloody offerings, but in the manner represented or typified by all of these, Heb 9:9,24. In the true way of direct access to God through Jesus Christ." (Barnes Notes)

Requires forethought/preparation

Not haphazard, not all of life

Willingly done with purpose, focus, desire to please

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