

WORSHIPPING OUR CREATOR

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I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Webster's Dictionary:

noun

- the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.
- adoration or devotion comparable to religious homage, shown toward a person or principle.
- honor given to someone in recognition of their merit.

“The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things. And then that deep, restful, joyful satisfaction in God overflows in demonstrable acts of praise from the lips and demonstrable acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ.” John Piper

1. FOCUSING OUR _____

“O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple.” Psalm 48:9

2. _____, _____, _____, & _____

GOD'S PRESENCE

“¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.” Psalm 16:11

“²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. ²⁶ My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever. ²⁷ Those who desert him will perish, for you destroy those who abandon you. ²⁸ But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.” Psalm 73:21-28

3. _____ GOD & ACKNOWLEDGING OUR _____

“³ God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” Matthew 5:3

4. EXPRESSING OUR LOVE FOR GOD THROUGH _____ &

IN JESUS' NAME

“Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!” Psalm 63:3

“¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us...” 2 Corinthians 5:14

5. LAYING DOWN OUR LIFE TO GOD TO _____ BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE

“¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” Romans 12:1

6. WORSHIP, AT IT'S CORE, IS SIMPLY _____ & LOVING HIM

“³ You must not have any other god but me.” Exodus 20:3

“³⁷ Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38

“²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26

II. WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP GOD?

WORSHIPPING/LOVING GOD:

1. IS MY _____

“³⁷ Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38

“²³ But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.” John 4:23

2. DEMONSTRATES THAT _____

“¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” Philippians 2:13

“⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

“⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.” 1 John 2:5

“¹⁵ “If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.” John 14:15-17

3. BRINGS ME _____

“⁷ The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.” Psalm 28:7

“⁵ I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. ⁶ I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side.” Psalm 3:5-6

“⁸ I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. ⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.” Psalm 16:80-9

*“²² Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.”
Psalm 55:22*

4. GROWS MY _____

“⁷ I will bless the LORD who guides me.” Psalm 16:7

“² Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!” Psalm 116:2

III. THE PRIMARY ASPECTS OF WORSHIP

1. _____

“⁹ O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple.” Psalm 48:9

2. _____

“¹ Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. ² Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.” Psalm 103:1-2

3. _____

KEY COMPONENTS OF COMMUNICATION:

i. _____

“Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.” Psalm 147:7

“² Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!” Psalm 116:2

ii. _____

*“⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”
Psalm 95:6*

“¹ Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! ² For the LORD Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.” Psalm 47:1-2

“² Lift your hands in holiness, and bless the LORD.” Psalm 134:2

iii. _____

“⁴⁷ Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God.” John 8:47

4. _____

“³ Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt (lift up or magnify) his name together.” Psalm 34:3

*“⁷ Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house; I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe.”
Psalm 5:7*

5. _____

“³ Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. ⁴ Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power... ⁷ Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness.” Psalm 145:3-4 & 7

6. _____

“¹ Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! ² Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. ³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.” Psalm 100:1-5

“¹¹ You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” Revelation 4:11

“¹⁵ The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: ‘I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.’ Isaiah 57:15

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“With Jesus’ help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name.” Hebrews 13:15

8. _____

“¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. ¹⁸ Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.’ ¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?” James 2:14-20

IV. HOW SHOULD I WORSHIP MY CREATOR?

1. _____

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QUESTIONS:

- **Are You Worshipping Your Creator Passionately, Completely, Exclusively, And In Spirit & Truth?**
- **Are You Worshipping Him As He Deserves To Be Worshipped?**
- **Will You Begin To Worship Him That Way Today?**