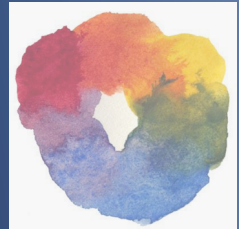


# Worship



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## What is Worship?

“Without worship life would atrophy and fade away leaving us less whole, less alive, and less human. “

Ben Pasley in *Enter the Worship Circle*

Therefore, it is important to ask, “What does it mean to worship God?”

The noun *worship* is a contraction of “worthship” (Anglo-Saxon ‘weorthscipe’). Used as a verb it means

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

To worship God is to make recognition of His ‘worth’ or ‘worthiness’; to look God-ward, and acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what you see.

Ps 29:2; 96:6. 1 Cor. 10:31



### Old and New Testament words for worship

#### Old Testament

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Means: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Means: \_\_\_\_\_

#### New Testament

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Means: \_\_\_\_\_



“True worship flows from the heart in recognition of and response to the magnificence of Christ and because of an understanding of the grace found solely in the gospel. Embracing these truths through the practical experience of daily living is the key to God sending a desperately needed revival.” *Seven Words of Worship* by Mark Harland & Stan Mose

Worship is \_\_\_\_\_

Worship awakens \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4.** *Spirit and Truth.* Jesus insisted that we cannot worship until we live in the power of the ungrieved, unquenched Spirit and are willing to conform ourselves to absolute truth.

## Worship and Salvation

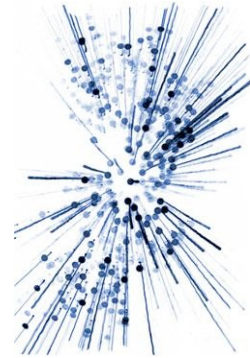
At creation God placed into man the need to worship. At 'new birth' this need finds its ultimate fulfillment when man becomes not only a 'new creation' but a 'new worshiper' of his Creator.

Worship is to be the essence of our living for out of worship issues everything else in life (John 4).

**Worship centers on the attitude or posture of the heart.**

**The story of the blind man in John 9:**

1. Physically healed but not yet a believer
2. There is no salvation without revelation
3. There is no salvation without an attitude of worship. The soul who has never bowed to worship knows no redemption. The attitude of repentant worship is the womb for new birth.



See [Isa. 57:15](#); [Job 1:20,21](#); [Acts 3:19](#)

## Worship as a Covenant Lifestyle

In Hebrew there is no word for 'spiritual' because every aspect of life is spiritual.

He is 'seeking' worshipers – [John 4:23](#). He seeks us in our totality

- Our spirits in \_\_\_\_\_
- Our souls in \_\_\_\_\_
- Our bodies in \_\_\_\_\_
- Our service in \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship is a lifestyle**

- In all the seasons of life. [1 Thes. 5:18](#)
- In the nitty-gritty of daily living. [1 Cor. 10:31](#). [Isa 6:1](#)
- It is not dictated to by circumstances or situational ethics

It is only  
when we  
worship  
that we  
begin to  
grow –  
*Calvin*  
*Coolidge*

Daniel and his friends were part of a covenant people and, demonstrated a [covenant lifestyle](#). Daniel 'purposed in his heart ... not to defile himself' [Dan. 1:8](#). For his friends, the idol represented everything Babylon stood for. They could not bow for in so doing they would renounce their covenant lifestyle which represented the covenant God had made with His people.

(see [Return to Worship](#) by [Ron Owens](#))

## The 'People Matter Most' Motto

We live in an age of 'virtual reality'. Man has become a pro in replacing the real

A disturbing trend ...

worship that is \_\_\_\_\_

- When it is about our own feelings and needs
- When we focus on the common
- When it expresses more love for man than for God
- When it is a means to an end – a tool

People \_\_\_\_\_ . Ezek. 44:10-23

Worship is at the heart of a nation's \_\_\_\_\_

2 Chron. 15:1-19



Judas was more concerned about the money going to the poor (PEOPLE) than the fact that Mary Magdalene was spending time with Jesus (IN HIS PRESENCE WORSHIPING)

## Service – the culmination of worship

Consider the statement: *he who will not serve does not worship*

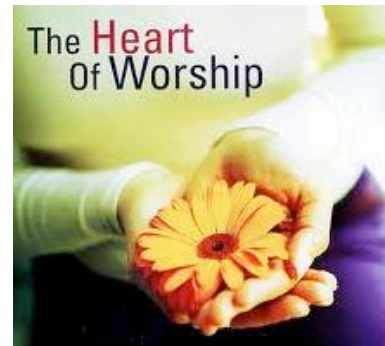
What is more important in today's church?

The way we  sound  look  serve

God in our box-the God we want = \_\_\_\_\_

What do you see: **HIJKLMNO** \_\_\_\_\_

What God is looking for are people who will love Him with all their hearts and who will demonstrate this love by obeying Him and placing their lives unreservedly in His hands. He is looking for a people who will worship by serving Him.



**Isa. 6:1-8:**

Earthly \_\_\_\_\_ to 'the' \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Further study: Rom. 12:1 NIV

## Ingredients

### Worship should provide a context for people to

- reconnect with God
- re-centre their lives in the triune God
- learn how to approach God
- discover a sense of being a part of the people of God
- be reminded that they are a part of a big story
- be renewed in order to make a difference in our world



### Ingredients for personal devotions and corporate worship

#### Call to Worship

Setting the scene of why we are here. It is creating an atmosphere for God to speak.

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#### Consecration

It is giving opportunity for people to get right with God, to offer up their lives afresh.

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#### Declaration

Let God speak. It includes the reading of Scripture, singing and preaching. Let the truth be heard.

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#### Adoration

It is expressing our love to God.

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