



Personal Worship

Part 1: What is worship?

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We wish to discover the following:

- #1. What is worship ? What does it mean to worship God ?
- #2. How do I worship ?
- #3. What happens when I worship ?

Today we will focus on: #1. What is worship ?

Old Testament Definition

Genesis 22:5

Worship Hebrew "*shaw-khaw*"

to prostrate in homage, to bow self down, to fall down flat, humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence.

To worship is to revere God.

It is an acknowledgement of who He is – His royalty, His majesty, His greatness, His infiniteness, His awesomeness, etc.

Consider this...

With a thousand questions going through his mind, anxiety, fear, thoughts of the future, etc. – as Abraham prepared to kill his own son, he worshipped!

Bowing Down In Worship

Genesis 24:26, 48, 52

Exodus 34:5-8

Joshua 5:14

New Testament Definition

John 4:20-24

Worship Greek *proskuneo* = meaning to kiss, (like a dog licking his master's hand); to prostrate oneself in homage; to show reverence, to adore

Revelation 4:10,11

Religious worship - outward form, no heart

Matthew 15:8,9

Greek *sebomai* = devout, religious, worship.

This is the kind of worship that has the right form, right words and pious actions – but no heart. This kind of worship is vain – empty and useless.

Romans 1:25

When people worship a created being instead of the creator – they are doing the *sebomai* kind of worship.

You can "fake" worship, but you cannot fake being a worshipper!

Acts 16:14

Lydia only knew the *sebomai* kind of worship. She needed to be saved and come to the Lord Jesus.

God wants us to bring Him the *proskuneo* kind of worship, not the *sebomai* kind of worship.



As a church, we have to be careful that we do not fall into the trap of having the religious form, the right words and music – and yet without having our heart in it.

Understanding Worship

Worship is reverence for God

In thy fear will I worship Psalm 5:7 Psalm 96:9

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One of my concerns with the kind of music and worship of our day is that in an attempt to be “trendy” and “relevant” we lose the “reverence” we are to have for God.

Worship is a recognition of who God is

Psalm 95:6,7

It is an acknowledgement of who He is – His royalty, His majesty, His greatness, His infiniteness, His awesomeness, etc.

Worship is a recognition of God's holiness

Psalm 99:5,9

Psalm 29:2

Worship is communion

Psalm 99:5

Worship is communion with God. It is an encounter with God Himself.

Worship and your emotional state

Job 1:20

While in the lowest emotional pit of his entire life, when God felt a million miles away, Job worshipped!

2 Samuel 12:20

In a devastating moment in life, having heard the news that his son had died, David worshipped!

Worship is acknowledging who God is. You worship God because of who He is – not because of how you feel. Feelings may or may not come. However feelings are not the basis of your worship of God.

Like Abraham, David and Job, the true worshipper will worship even in the midst of emotional valleys and devastating circumstances.

Until we know what it means to worship in the hardest of times, we have not really gained a proper understanding of worship.

Psalm 103:3 Luke 1:46,47

When your spirit begins to worship God, your soul and body will respond and join in the worship of the Creator.

Learn to worship God even without music.

Become A Worshipper

John 4:23,24

God is looking for worshippers. God is interested in the worshipper more than in the worship that the worshipper brings.

God is looking for people who have made worship a lifestyle.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

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