



Personal Worship
Part 2: How Do I Worship?
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In this series 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 ?

We begin discussing #2. How do I worship ?

We will first establish a **theological perspective** and then move into the **practical aspects** of How do I worship ?

An Important truth – We are kings & priests

1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:5,6 5:10

Worship of our God is our priestly ministry.

Man was created to have fellowship with the God of heaven (priests) and execute rulership on the earth (kings).

Priesthood & Rulership - The two are intertwined, because **the degree of my submission to God determines the extent to which I will successfully exercise authority on earth.** James 4:7

A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE...

John 4:19-24 Acts 17:22-31

Worship God any where at any time

John 4:21 Acts 17:24

You are the temple 1 Corinthians 3:16

Although **in principle** we understand and agree that we can worship God anywhere at any time, **in practice**, some live as though the only place they worship God is at the church building and the only time they worship God is on a Sunday morning. This ought not to be this way.

Intelligent Worship versus Ignorant Worship

John 4:22 Acts 17:23

True worship is based on relationship, a personal knowledge of the God whom we worship.

The more you know Him the more you want to worship Him. The more you worship Him, the more you will know Him.

To worship is to express your worth of something. You worship what you value the most or what you value highly.

Meaningful worship does not do away with one's mental capabilities.

We learn how to worship.

In spirit and in truth

John 4:23,24

Why must I worship in spirit and in truth ?

- Ø The Father is seeking for such worshippers.
- Ø God is Spirit.



What does it mean to worship in spirit and in truth ?

To worship in/with/by the spirit:

1. To worship out of your spirit

True worship begins in the heart, as opposed to something done or given to God
Acts 17:25 Matthew 15:8,9

True worship is my innermost being reaching out to the heart of God. It is my spirit reaching out to God who is Spirit.

There is a place for physical expression, giving, sacrifice, etc. in worship. However, these without the spirit being involved are empty and useless.

2. To worship enabled by the Holy Spirit

The desire to worship is placed in us by God. The Holy Spirit both initiates and is involved in our worship of the Father.

Acts 2:11 10:46 1 Corinthians 14:15

Through praying/singing in tongues, the Holy Spirit enables us to glorify God and worship Him.

To worship in/with/by truth:

1. To worship in sincerity as opposed to hypocrisy

Hypocritical worship 1 Samuel 15:24-31

Although king Saul had sinned and had been judged by God, he still wanted to look good before his leaders and his people and hence wanted the presence of the prophet Samuel in a worship service. This worship service was intended to give him honour, not to give God the honour He deserves. Hypocrisy!!

2. To worship in accordance with the written word

John 17:17 God's Word is truth.

Worship God the way He told us to worship Him in His Word.

Malachi 1:6-14

If we try to worship God our own way instead of His way, God does not receive it.

NOW THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS...

Worship the Lord, clothed with holiness

Psalm 29:1,2 Psalm 24:3-6 1 John 1:6-10 1 John 3:21

Prepare your heart, get rid of sin, clear your conscience. Maintain clean hands and a pure heart.

In order to experience communion with God, there must be a cleansing of the filth of the world.

Recognize that you are the righteousness of God.

Worship God with a free conscience.

Follow The Psalm 95 Pattern

Psalm 95:1-7 Psalm 100:4

Praise, Thanksgiving & Worship

To enter into worship, you begin first by praise and thanksgiving.

Praise and thanksgiving is our entrance into God's presence – not about God coming down to visit us.

This coming Sunday, we'll continue discussing the practical aspects on "How do I worship ?"



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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