

WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO WORSHIP HIM?

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1. **The command:** For it is written, “You shall **worship** the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve,” *Mat 4:10*.
2. **God’s Will:** The hour is coming, and now is, when true **worshippers** will **worship** the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to **worship** Him. God is Spirit, and those who **worship** Him must **worship** in spirit and truth, *Jn 4:23,24*.
3. **Well, why does God** require us to **worship** Him?
4. **Some might say**, “Because He needs an ego boost!” But that is totally out of line with the revelation of God in the Word of Scripture, which declares God to be fully self sufficient and complete in Himself and without any lack or unmet need. e.g. *Is 40:6-31, Col 1:16, 17,19, Is 66:1,2, Is 46:3-10*.
5. **So why does God** require us to worship Him?
6. **Firstly** because **He is worthy**. “**Worship**” means to declare His worthship. He is worthy of all our praise, thanks and expression of love, because of His great love to us, and great work of salvation and redemption for us through Christ, Who has delivered us from eternal death and hell. He has made possible for us eternal life in the family of God, as His own sons and daughters, *Rev 4:11, Rev 5:9-14*.
7. **Secondly**, because as we worship Him with all our hearts, hands, voices, clapping, dancing, shouting, praying, speaking, jumping, falling down before Him, laughing and other ways, He is able to come down into our midst. There, He establishes His Throne of mercy, grace, power, revelation, salvation, blessing, deliverance, and glory to meet our every need. His dwelling and throne is in the midst of the worship and praises of His people so that He can pour out His blessing and establish His Kingdom in the earth. *Ps 22:3, Is 64:5, Is 66:1,2, Ac 16:25,26, 2Chron 20:21-23, Heb 10:19-23, Heb 4:14-16, Ps 34:1-10*. Let’s do it now!
8. **We need to remember** that all we do is to be an act of worship - our eating, drinking, working, serving, duties, housework, and so on. *1Cor 10:31, Col 3:17, Col 3:23,24, Rom 12:1*.
9. “**Worship is direct acknowledgement to God** of His nature and attributes, ways, and claims, whether by the out-going of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deeds done in such acknowledgement”.(Vines Expository Dictionary of NT Greek Words).
10. **It is therefore very important** to gather with the other believers on the Lord’s Day, to speak out together the worship of Him, Who has brought us out of darkness into His marvellous **LIGHT**, *Heb 10:25*.