

WORSHIPPING GOD

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1. **To worship God** is to declare directly, from a sincere heart of love and gratitude:
 - a. our thanksgiving
 - b. our praise
 - c. our song, joy, rejoicingfor all His goodness, truth, love, mercy, kindness, faithfulness, righteousness and justice, power, authority, strength, wisdom, salvation and redemption.
Rev 4:10,11, 5:8-14, 7:11,12, 11:16-18, 19:4,10, 22:9.

2. ***Ps 100:5*** For the Lord is **good**, His **mercy is everlasting**, and His **truth endures** to all generations.
Ps 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. (See also *v 1-3.*)
Ps 107:1 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good His mercy endures forever
:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, (see *v 8-9*).
:20 He sent His Word and healed them ...
:21 Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness ...
:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving ... and declare His works with rejoicing.
Heb 13:15 By Him, (Jesus), let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.
Ps 27:6 I will offer sacrifices of joy, joyful shouts in His house, I will sing praises to the Lord.
Jer 33:11 ...bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
1Pet 2:5,9 We are a holy priesthood offering up spiritual sacrifices.
We are a royal priesthood proclaiming His praises.
Rom 12:1 Present your body a living sacrifice to God, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship (see AMP Version).

3. **Reasons for our Worship.** We are indebted to God in many ways.
 - a. God is our **Creator**, *Ps 95:1-7, Ps 100:3*
Rejoice in the life He has given you.
 - b. God **upholds and sustains** all things, *Heb 1:3, Col 1:17.*
 - c. God **provides all** our needs - light, warmth, seasons, rain, water food, air, sleep, sight, life, strength, the tides etc. *Gen 8:22, Mat 5:45, Mat 6:26, Ac 17:28.*
 - d. For our **great eternal salvation** which God has provided for us through Christ, and freely offers to all men. For all God has done for us in Christ by the Cross, *Heb 2:3.*

4. **Worship is a sacrifice** and is costly, *2Sam 24:24.*
The Burnt Offering required a costly bull for the Lord, *Lev 1:5.*
The worship of *Rom 12:1* is the N.T. equivalent. Worship is costly in time, discipline, inclination. It is not always spontaneous.

5. Results of Worship

- a. It is a **place of meeting with God**, communion.
Ex 29:38-42 v42 “meet you to speak to you”.
Gen 12 :7 Abraham’s altars of worship and sacrifice.
Jn 4:23,24 As we worship God in spirit and truth His presence descends amongst us.
Ps 22:3 He **inhabits the praises** of His people.
- b. God **reveals Himself** to us, speaks to us, and the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit operate. *1Cor 12:10* - prophecy, revelation, instruction.
- c. **God intervenes in our circumstances.** on our behalf.
See Lk 19:37-40, Mat 21:14-16, Ps .8:2(see NIV).

6. Examples:

- a. Paul and Silas in prison *Ac 16:25-34*
- b. Jonah *Jon 2:9*
- c. God’s people in danger *2Chr 20:21,22*
- d. Dedicating the temple *2Chr 5:13,14*
- e. Results of Hannah’s praise *1Sam 2:1*

7. **Seek the Lord daily**, *Amos 5:4*, spend quality time in His Word, worship Him in all you do, He is worthy, *Col 3:17*, serve and obey Him with all your heart.

WORSHIPPING GOD IN WHAT WE DO

(Notes added in Jan 1992)

1. “Worship” means man’s acknowledgement of God’s “worth” as in *Rev 4:10,11*.
2. Worship is the constant and full acknowledgement of our relationship to God, and our recognition of Him as our Lord and God and Saviour.
3. From Vines, “Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words” under worship: “a consideration of the above verbs (“to worship” in Greek: proskuneo, sebomai, latreuo, eusebeo), shows that it is **not confined to praise**; broadly it may be regarded as the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by the outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving **or by deed done** in such acknowledgement.”

The Greek word latreuo, “to serve” (mostly), is translated “to worship” in *Phil 3:3*, *Ac 7:42*, *24:14*, *Heb 10:2*, in the *KJV*, *NKJV*.

An example of **worship in action** or deed is in *Gen 22:5-18*, the first mention in the Bible of “worship”, and is the record of Abraham offering Isaac to God as a sacrifice to God. In the New Testament, a Greek word for “service” latreia is translated “worship” in *Rom 12:1*. We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God which is our “spiritual worship” (AMP Version). Therefore we can include our **acts of service and obedience to God as acceptable worship to God**, as well as our praise and thanksgiving.

Some New Testament examples of worshipful service to God: *Col 3:22-24*, *Mat 25:34-40*, *Lk 10:25-37*.