

What is True Worship?

Intro. Perhaps noticed I omitted worship in discussing quiet time. Worship impt part of it and of all our rel life. So digress to talk about worship a little. Like so many things it's talked about but not defined.

I. The Meaning of Worship

- A. Heb word shahah to prostrate oneself before another to do homage, Gen 19:1;22:5. Fall on knees and touch forehead to ground. Other related Heb words mean to fall down, Dan 3:5; and to carve or labor, Jer 44:18.
- B. Greek, proskuneo--to kiss the hand toward someone as act of reverence, also other words to serve, Heb 10:2;9:9.
- C. Eng word from worthship. Recognizing worth of person or object that is revered.
Worship is recognition of worth.
Can see that there are things relegated to minor place by def and certain things major.

II. The Method of Worship

- A. Minor things in the method.
 - 1. Place. Jn 4:20-21. Temple on Gerazim 410-130B.C. Notice that X didn't give Jerus priority over Gerazim. Said both places would become useless in coming day. Won't say don't worship in a place but do say any place ought to be a place of worship. Worship in busy street or quiet of room. Depends on your recognition of God's worth, not place where you are.
 - 2. Props.
 - a. Their importance. No question they make a diff. Dear Charles pp 73-75.
 - b. In OT. No ques but worship enhanced by garments music, beauty of tab. But for the purpose of reminding people God deserved best not creating an atmosphere. Danger is that we turn our aesthetic creations into objects of adoration.
 - c. In NT no such props except 1 in both OT and NT. That's posture. 1 Cor 14:26, Rev 3:9,4:10, Mt 28:9. This is a vivid reminder of worth of object.

*Send Jesus worship money - ask Uncle for
16 & 25¢. God doesn't have bills or pocket
coins to take. But learning worth of money.*

things
B. Majors in the method.

1. Attitude. Worship and your attitude toward

God's worth go hand in hand. Biggest aid to
worship not atmosphere, (tho quiet helps concentratn)
arrangement of furniture, worship center, but
promoting understanding of nature of God.

See Rev 4-5 great chpts on worship.

a. Note circumstances of worship.

Public not private scene in heaven.

Corporate not individual (tho can be both)

Surrounded by beauty tho most of the description
is of Him who sat on throne, not throne (4:23).

Not quiet (5:11-12).

b. Note center of worship.

God on throne ch 4

Lamb slain in midst of throne 5.

HS of God in both 4:5 and 5:6.

Center is triune God Himself.

c. Note content of worship

God as creator, 4. His power. Not merely ability
to create but to do it for own pleasure. No
restraint except His own nature. I am restrained
in issuing memo by others' actions. Not God.

God as Redeemer, 5. His love.

Basis--by His blood 5:9

Breadth--every kindred 5:9

Benefits--kings, priests, rulers, 5:10. (Bounty).

Concl. Concentrate on Him. This is the best way to
worship.

1. Attitude
2. Spirit
3. Truth
4. Beauty of holiness

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THE METHOD OF TRUE WORSHIP

Intro. Have already seen that worship means recognition of worth. Proper method involves proper attitude toward God that He is worthy (Rev 4-5).

I. Proper attitude about worth of God.

II. Proper acquaintance with the worth of God. Jn 4:23-

This involves something called spirit and truth which are same thing because they are prepared but different facets.

A. Its necessity, 24.

B. Its desirability, 23. Such ones (emphatic) are sought.

C. Its Nature.

1. Spirit. Answers 3 questions

a. Where? Spirit detaches worship from anything material or local. Neither Jerusalem or Gerazim. Neither in chapel nor in room but everywhere. Spirit is unconfined, so is worship in spirit. Spirit is non-material, so is worship.

b. How? What is man's spirit. Deepest part of him, Heb 4:12. Not spiritual part but deepest. Worship not on surface but from depths. When recognize His worth in deepest part will show on surface.

c. What? This is Person-to-Person. God is spirit so we worship in spirit. Bringing myself to God.

To worship in spirit means to offer my self from depths (completely) in every place and circumstance. Worship in singing. Worship in studying. Worship in work. e.g. Worshipful worker does work as unto Lord recognizing worth of master (Eph 6). Surface results are good job, dependable, honest. Cutting in line solved in had true worshippers. Father and SC ~~sides~~

2. Truth. Answers 2 questions.

a. Whom we worship. Cannot worship in truth unless object is true. Jn 14:6. Object is true in every particular. Every leader worries that he will be worshipped because he knows he has flaws. No worry with Christ. He is worthy.

b. How we worship. In truth. Reverence for object is increased by knowledge of object.

*Sol may be viewed as worship - Recognizing truth of
X's claims & promises. Psalms 12.*

This is balance with spirit (intellect and heart).
To worship in truth means to know the truth.
Aids to worship are classes
Sermons (no distinction bet worship part and
message--indeed message is biggest aid if it's
expository).

Quiet time. Instruction and application. Not
meditation lest it become daydreaming or merely
getting something selfish instead of voice and
truth of God.

Thus in truth means the intelligent understanding
of Christ. Praying thru 8 wols is worship.

In spirit and truth is offering of self eompletely
in every circumstance to Truth and be used thus
in His will.

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Intro. Prostrate before another, Gen 19:1; 22:5. Kiss hand
twd someone. Recognize and acknowledge worth.

I. What does it mean to worship. Above. Reverence or adorati
or paying honor to God. Not quiet, Rev 5. Posture is only

II. Whom do we worship./thing mentioned, Mt 28:9; Rev 3:9; 4:10.
God, but doesn't mean much unless revealed.

A. God who is spirit, 24. God's own nature. Not material.
b. not confined to any place. c. not subject to restrictions
of time. d. understood spiritually. Angels spirit beings but
only 1 place at a time.

B. Jesus who is God, 26. 1:41. Revealer, 25, Savior, 22&42.
God incarnate, 14:9. When worship Jesus, worship God.

III. How do we worship, 24.

A. In spirit. Answers 3 ques. Center of worship
1. Where? anywhere and everywhere. God is spirit and
if we worship in spirit not confined. 21.
In car, job, home, ~~the workplace~~, ch. 1 Cor 10:31.
2. How? from man's spirit. Heb 4:12. From depths and will
show on surface.
3. What is this worship? Person-to-person. Honoring from
depths of self God and Jesus everywhere.

B. In truth. Answers 2 ques. of character of worship
genuine, without pretense. Only way to know is to
know His truth. God hates insincere worship, Isa 1:10-17;
Mal. 1:7-14; Matt 15:8-9. Both Mal and Matt show worship
not in accord with revealed Word of God.
Must increase knowledge of object and conform. e.g. money.
Thus aids to worship are sermons, Q.T. books.

C. Capacity for worship, 10.
Requires cleansing. 6 men. Living water before worshippin
heart. Father is seeking.

- I. Concept of worship.
- II. Center of worship.
- III. Characteristics of worship. No pious insincerity,
Isa 1. No rejection of Word, Mal 1, Matt 15.
- IV. Capacity for worship.

We bow in our spirits acc to His Word from cleansed lives.
On earth we worship in heaven, Heb 4:16; worth of
heavenly person seen in our lives on earth.