

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 44:19.
- 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.

*Just wrong person
Then 254 - be. Knowledge
of worth of money inc*

^{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, (the 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

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. *Each helps contribute to other*
 II. Proper acquaintance with the worth of God. Jn 4:23-4

This involves something called spirit and truth which are same thing but diff facets.

- A. Its necessity, 24.
 B. Its desirability, 23. Such ones (emphatic) are set.
 C. Its Nature.

1. Spirit. Answers 3 questions

- a. Where? Spirit detaches worship from anything material or local. Neither Jerus 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. *29. money*
 c. What? This is Person-to-Person. God is spirit 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 if had true worshippers. Father and SC sets.

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. Noworry with Christ. He is worthy.
 b. How we worship. In truth. Reverence for object is increased by knowledge of object.

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 vols is worship.

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

Spirit - substance
Truth - substance

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Intro---Talked about worship involving proper attitude toward worth of God, proper acquaintance with worth of God. Today proper actions resulting from attitude and acquaintance. Worshipper not only knows something; he acts accordingly. What are the actions of true worshipper?

I. Proclamation.

A worshipper tells what he has recognized.

A. Woman, Jn 4:28-9,42.

B. Women after res, Mt 28:9-10. If find something good want to tell. Old story but note that this is a proper action of worship. Worpper is a witness. Xn Ser is act of worship.

II. Petition.

A. Leper wanting cleansing, Mt 8:2.

B. Jairus for daughter, 9:18. E.Mt 20:20---mother

C. Syrophenician woman, 15:25. of Jas and Jn

D. Mad man of Gafara, Mk 5:6-7.

Worship in this use equals faith. For if recognize worth then no hesitation to ask petition. Old story of faith increasing by knowing object better. Jn9:38. Asking in prayer is worship.

Lord, I bel. & he
worshiped him

III. Praise.

Expression of recognized worth.

A. In mockery, Mk 15:19.

B. In falsehood, Rev 13:4.

C. In truth, Mt 14:33 after stilling waves, Son of God.
Rev 4-5. For redemption power and creative power.

Heb 13:15.

IV. Practice.

This is worshipping in beauty of holiness,
Psa 29:2;96:9.

A. Beauty in OT. Linked with externals--priests' garments for beauty and glory, Ex 28:2. With internals bec connected with offering, Ps 96:8.

B. Beauty in NT connected with internals, bec have to be washed before can worship, Rev 5:9.

Connected with externals. i.e. good works.
Kalos, good also means beauty. Beauty consists
in goodness. Iago says of Cassio in Othello
"If Cassio do remain, He hath a daily beauty
in his life That makes me ugly." Worship in
beauty of holiness is to worship with good
works. Not true to say Father not seeking
workers but worshippers. Both included in each
other.

A. Involves all men, Rom 12:17. /1 Tim 1:18

B. Involves all works, 1 Tim 6:18, Tit 2:14.

C. Involves all time, Gal 6:9.

D. Involves all power--HS not self, Rom 7:16-21.

Work life, study life, rel life, social life.

Concl. To worship properly assumes dedication
of life. Never be a true worshipper until
given self to God. Worship in spirit. I must
be His from depths in order to worship.

When an His then these works of proclamation,
petition, praise, practice of beauty of holiness
will follow. Essence of worship is recognition.
Exhibition of worship is good works.

O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of thy poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

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