**Worship: What it is, What it’s not**

Hallelujah – God shows up where He is honored, respected, and worshiped.

**Psalm 22:3** You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.

When we sing, it is a form of worship. But just because you are singing does not mean you are worshipping.

True worship doesn't have to be generated, it is a natural and appropriate response to the revelation of God and who He is. Worship is a result of the revelation that God is the source of everything. Until you get this, worship is a struggle.

Emotionalism, hype, & sensationalism is a result of a lack of revelation.

You don't want to stand in honor and reverence during worship because your tired, It’s been a long day, but don't realize that He created the bones, muscle, and ligaments of your legs, he provides the air you breathe that provides oxygen, how dare you not stand in His presence.

When you get a revelation of God, you don't need a cheer leader.

**Hebrews 13:15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

**Psalm 141:2** May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

You can't worship God for who He is, unless He has revealed Himself to you – unless He has walked with you through some things. Otherwise, that's not worship, it's regurgitation and repetition.

**Matthew 6:7** And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do.* For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

What is worship?

**Law of first mention:**

**Genesis 22:5** He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Abraham wasn’t singing, he was displaying his faith by obeying God’s command by sacrificing his son. So, we see that worship involves humility, faith, obedience, and sacrifice.

**Hebrews 11:17-19** By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

It was only after Abraham obeyed God to sacrifice Isaac that he knew God as Jehovah-Jireh

Moses, David, Mary, they sang a new song because God led them through something new.

Worship is only for the Lord because only He can do what He can do.

Has He healed you? It’s because He’s a healer.

Has He restored you? It’s because He’s a redeemer and the Restorer of the breech.

Has He provided for you? It’s because He’s a provider.

Has He delivered you? It’s because He’s a deliverer.

Has He given you a hope and a future? It’s because He is your sovereign Father

Has He loved you in the secret place? It’s because He is the lover of your soul

Do you have breath in your lungs? It’s because He is the source of life and in Him we live and move and have our being.

If God has done something for you raise your hands and give God a praise in this place.

**Worship**

(Hebrew – Shawkhaw): To bow down, to pay homage to (Greek – proskyneo): To kiss the hand

Modern vernacular – to kiss the ring

**Psalm 2:1-3** Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

**Psalm 2:10-12** Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Worship = worth-ship

He is worthy, in fact, He alone is worthy. He created everything and therefore owns everything. That’s what Lord literally means, owner or master, and He is of everything.

Worship is not just about bowing down out of duty or obligation, but out of respect, reverence, and holy fear, as well as love, appreciation and gratitude. Why? Because…

**He alone is worthy!**

Worthy to open up the scrolls of the end-times judgments

Worthy of being the Judge of all flesh

Worthy of having the name above all names

Worthy of bestowing crowns and having the elders cast their crown as His feet

Worthy of laying His life down and taking it up again

Worthy of coming back to the Mount of Olives, shaking the earth, and entering the King’s gate.

Worthy of commanding heaven’s armies

Worthy of all our affection, adoration, attention, and allegiance.

Worthy of being called King of kings and Lord of lords.

He is worthy!

**John 4:24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

***Spirit*** – Unseen, intangible. Not physical or limited to time and space. We are to worship God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

***Truth*** – Worship Him how He prescribes, according to His word, and in a way that pleases Him.

**Romans 12:1-2** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

How to know the will of God for your life:

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**1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**Philippians 3:18-19** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

I use my time, talents, and resources to serve Him and to be pleasing to Him. ***Music***

2. Reject worldliness

**James 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

**Matthew 16:24** Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.

Watching movies, playing video games, or listening to music with sexual content, profanity, violence, magic, and demonic & occultic themes, plants seeds of worldliness, darkness, and corruption. What you plant in your heart through your gates will reproduce in your life.

**James 1:27** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

God redeemed us from our sin to make us Holy. He’s not the happy or homeboy spirit but the Holy Spirit of God.

Holiness has been misrepresented but we must not throw the baby out with the bath water. Holiness meant to be pure, without contamination, to be separate and set apart from the uncleanness of the world and its corruption.

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18** what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

**Psalm 24:3-4** Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.

**Isaiah 66:1-2** “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: on those who are poor (humble) and of a contrite spirit, and who tremble at My word.

There are many that worship in spirit – they are very spiritual. They look to the earth for power, or cards for answers, they look to the human spirit or the universe for guidance. They have a form of spirituality, but they are not worshipping God in truth. What truth? The truth – God’s word.

**John 17:17** Make those who trust in You holy by Your truth. Your word is truth.

The concepts of worship and righteousness are deeply intertwined. To worship God fully in a way that He desires means that we are walking in righteousness.

To be righteous is to be in right standing with God.

If you and your wife are in a fight, you can expect a lack of intimacy.

It is unreasonable to expect romance when you’re sleeping on the couch.

Another helpful definition of righteousness is performing the purpose for which something was designed. – Brick in the wall vs. brick on the floor.

What is worship? It’s not just obeying God, and sacrificing that which is dear, but to offer the sacrifice of praise in the way He made you. It is worship to discover and then walk in your purpose.

**Proverbs 25:1** It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

We were all made to love God, and love others. As you grow in knowing Him, the more of you you discover. ***Bathroom light revelation.*** It’s not just about music or money, but in every expression of humanity as God created it.

Adina heaven – art, singing, painting, dancing, spoken word, writing, etc.

***Book in lobby or online.***

God is creative. He has created us to be creative as well. When our personality is purified and our creativity resonates with the Holy Spirit, we engage in worship that is truly pleasing to the Lord.

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

Humility, faith, sacrifice, & obedience in every aspect of our lives.

It means giving Him praise because He is worthy.

It means loving God with all of our hearts, minds, souls, and strength.

It means we honor Him with our time, talents, and resources.

It means we serve Him with holy fear.

It means we develop spiritual disciplines so we can know Him more & become more like Him.

It means we sing and dance, create, meditate on His word, write, play, and work - that we live every aspect of our lives unto God and for His glory.

**Conclusion:**

Repent of our sin, worldliness, and idolatry

Ask the Holy Spirit to make us holy

Help us to discover You, and what You created us for. Help us to worship You in Spirit and in truth, that our lives, our thought, our motivations, and our worship would be pleasing to You.