

Worship

Introduction

'Worship is an active, all of life response, to the worth of who God is and what He does'
Matt Heard

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4:23 ESV

We are all worshippers, the question is, who or what are we worshipping?
Jesus was saying to the woman at the well, and to us today,
'I have come to enable you to worship truly.'

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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.

Romans 12:1 NIV

The Message puts it like this,

'So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.'

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Worship

The word worship comes from the Anglo-Saxon, 'worth-ship'.
In other words, worship is all about worth.

'to the worth of who God is..'

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.**

Psalms 145:3 NIV

.. and what He does.'

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Psalms 92:5 ESV

What does our response look like?

1 Recognise his worth

John 4:23, 'in spirit and *TRUTH*'

The Great Commandment

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:28-30 ESV

We have to engage with truth. Recognise His worth.

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalms 46:10 ESV

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 25:1 ESV

Recognise His worth.

2 Resonate with his worth

John 4:23 'in *SPIRIT* and truth'

Truth on its own is lifeless with no heart!

In Mark 12:30, Jesus said, 'love the Lord your God with all your *HEART*'

Jesus replied to the Pharisees and scribes saying,

'You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their heart is far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:7-9

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Luke 24:32 ESV

Resonate with His worth.

3 Respond to his worth.

Many of the Greek & Hebrew words for worship describe our bodily posture falling, bowing and kissing towards.

Words that speak of responding *whole-heartedly* to His worth.

All worship can be seen by my actions.

Mark 12:30, 'Love the Lord your God with all *your strength*'

In the way I spend time, money, my abilities.

Worship is visible!

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:12-14 ESV

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Conclusion

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Resonate,

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