
WORTHY OF WORSHIP: What Is Worship?

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“True Worship Is a Valuing or a Treasuring of God Above All Things”

1. There is External Worship

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.” **Matthew 15:8–9, NLT**

The External Expression of Worship

2. There is Internal Worship

“... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind....” **Romans 12:1–2, ESV**

The Inner Essence of Worship

“But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. “It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God.” **John 4:23a**

3. Worship is Not...

- It’s Not a Label
- It’s Not a Where

4. Worship is...

- Who I Am When No One Sees Me

3 Greek Words for Worship in the NT

Proskuneo: To Prostrate Yourself

Latreuo: To Serve Someone

Sebo: To Hold Someone in Awe

True Worship Changes Me from the Inside Out

- How I Am Making My Life Count Because of the Difference Jesus Makes in Me

It Is Easy to Fake Being a Christian When Christian's Are Fake

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!" **Revelation 3:15-16, NLT**

Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." **John 4:23b-24, MSG**

- How My Spirit Is Seeking after His Spirit

I Long for Jesus To Be in A Position of Power Over My Life

- Something That I Am Doing – The Pursuit of and the Claiming of Divine Truth

Worship and the Word of God Are Inseparable

5. Worship is: Valuing God, Treasuring God, Prizing God, Enjoying God, Being Satisfied with God Above All Earthly Things

"the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."" **Revelation 4:10-11, NLT**

Because of What Jesus Means to Me, Then People See in Me: