



TRUE NORTH

Part 1 - The Weight and Welcome of Worship

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

John 4:23-24 ESV

The Weight of His Glory

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen
upon you. For behold, darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness
the peoples; but the LORD will arise
upon you, and his glory will be seen
upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1-2 ESV

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV

**Ichabod:
How Worship
Becomes Weightless**

*They will maintain the outward
appearance of religion but will
have repudiated its power.
So, avoid people like these.*

2 Timothy 3:5 NET

*And the boy [Samuel] was ministering
to the LORD in the presence of
Eli the priest. Now the sons of Eli
were worthless men. They did not
know the LORD.*

1 Samuel 2:11-12 ESV

A dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. Sunbeams radiate from the sun, illuminating a vast sea of white and grey clouds. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter blue near the horizon. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

- When Worship Becomes
Self-Centered

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod...And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:18, 21 ESV

A dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. A layer of dark, textured clouds is visible in the foreground, with the sun's rays breaking through them. The overall mood is contemplative and intense.

- When Worship Becomes
Worldly

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

1 Samuel 2:26 ESV

A dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The sky transitions to a deep blue at the top. There are several thin, white lines radiating from the sun, creating a sunburst effect. The bottom of the image shows a layer of dark, textured clouds.

- When Worship Becomes
Superstitious

*She named the boy Ichabod, saying,
“The Glory has departed from
Israel”—because of the capture of
the ark of God and the deaths of her
father-in-law and her husband...*

1 Samuel 4:21-22 NIV

...She said, "The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

1 Samuel 4:21-22 NIV

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom...*

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ESV

*...And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same
image from one degree of glory to
another. For this comes from the
Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ESV

The Kind of Worship

God Welcomes



A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange, with a bright sunburst effect in the center. Below the horizon, there is a vast sea of white and grey clouds. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

1. Worship that Adores His Presence



2. Worship that
Humbles Our Heart



3. Worship that
Sacrifices Our First and Best



4. Worship that
Issues in Neighbor-Love