

Scripture

**God's Window Into Our World
Why Do We Worship?**



Worship is a HARDWIRED reality of EVERY person

Genesis 1:27 (ESV) — So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Worship is the HEART response given to that which we TREASURE most

Matthew 6:21 (ESV) — For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:24 (ESV) — No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

1. The issue is not DO you worship, but WHO you worship

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Life's Three Most Important Questions:

Why am I here?

Do I matter?

Where am I going when I die?

Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NLT) — ... He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.

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We were corrupted and worship Self

Genesis 3:5 (ESV) — For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Who Do You Worship?
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We were corrupted and worship Self
We’ve been confused to worship Creation

Romans 1:22–25 (ESV) — Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Who Do You Worship?
We were created to worship God
We were corrupted and worship Self
We’ve been confused to worship Creation
We are condemned to worship Satan

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) — In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 John 5:19 (ESV) — ... The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Ephesians 2:1–2 (ESV) — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

2. There is a RIGHT way and WRONG way to worship God

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Mark 7:6–8 (ESV) — 6 And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ 8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

Amos 5:21 (NLT) — I hate all your show and pretense— the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.

Amos 5:25–26 (NLT) — Was it to me you were bringing sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, Israel? No, you served your pagan gods— Sakkuth your king god and Kaiwan your star god—the images you made for yourselves.

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3. Worship is a LIFESTYLE to ACTIVATE more than a SERVICE to ATTEND

➤ **SURRENDER yourself fully to the Lord**

Romans 12:1 (ESV) — I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 (ESV) — Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

➤ **HUMBLE yourself before the Lord**

Romans 12:3 (ESV) — For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

➤ **ACTIVATE your spirit in the Lord**

Romans 12:6a (ESV) — Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...

4. Worshipping GOD'S way moves HEAVEN

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Revelation 1:10 (NLT) — It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshipping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast.

Acts 16:25–26 (ESV) — About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

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2. There is a _____ way and _____ way to
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than a _____ to _____

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