

Grace Communication 3 – Worship Communication

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Introduction:

With the privilege of communication, the believer has access to the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There are two major divisions in communication, that type that seeks a divine response and that form that does not seek the response. The first category to study is that form that does not seek a divine response. Worship, Thanksgiving, and Praise fall into this category. These forms of communication focus on God Himself, His character, His word, and His works. The Greek Words *proseuchemai* and *proseuche* are found in noun and verb forms and number 124 uses in scripture.

Definition: *a heart attitude in which the believer, knowing who and what God is, gives back to God His whole weight. He does this by repeating back to God that which He has said about Himself. Other types of communication may be included or may interrupt worship communication without changing the essential character of worship. It must be carried to the Father by the Spirit, making it acceptable to the Father. So true worship can only be given by the spiritual believer.*

προσευχή **Worship** the act of the believer giving God His full weight of honor, by saying to God what He has said about Himself.

A. Worship Communication in Other Dispensations

1. The Dispensation of the Fullness of the Times = Millennial Kingdom
Matthew 5:44 , Matthew 6:5-9, Luke 6:28, Luke 11:1
2. In the Earthly Ministry of Christ (Under the Dispensation of Law)
Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36-44, Luke 22:41-45, Luke 9:28, 29
3. Old Testament Believers in the Time of Our Lord.
Matthew 17:21, Mark 9:29, Matthew 21:22, Luke 18:10, 11, Mark 11:17, Luke 20:47
4. In the Tribulation Period by Tribulation Believers
Mark 13:18, Luke 18:1, Mark 13:33

B. Principles of Worship Communication for the Grace Believer

1. It Is Accompanied by or Accompanies Other Kinds of Communication that May or May Not Be Identified in the Passage of Its Context
Romans 1:9, Romans 15:30, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 1:9, Philippians 4:6
2. It Is to Be Made without "Ceasing" -- **1 Thessalonians 5:17**
3. It Is to Be the Habitual Activity of the Spiritual Believer -- **Ephesians 6:18**

4. When We Do Not Know How to Worship in a Proper Manner, the Holy Spirit Stands in for Us -- **Romans 8:26**
5. Paul Practiced Praying Without Ceasing -- **Colossians 1:9**.
6. When a Believer Suffers Badly, Let Him Pray a Prayer of Worship -- **James 5:13**
7. The Ministry of Elders Dealing with a Physically Sick Individual Involves a Prayer of Worship -- **James 5:14**
8. A Husband's Worship May Be Hindered If He Doesn't Relate to His Wife in a Proper Manner -- **1 Peter 3:7**
9. Because of the Nearness of the End Times, the Believer Is to Be Sober minded to the Extent that He Is Worshiping -- **1 Peter 4:7**
10. The Spirit of God Is to Be the Instrument by Which Worship Communication Is Communicated -- **Jude 20**
11. Deprivation of the Marriage Bed Is Only Possible by Mutual Consent for Believers for the Purpose of Worshiping God -- **1 Corinthians 7:5**

C. Worship Communication in Review

1. It Is Normally Directed to the Father. In the communication of the believer, it appears that worship may be given to the Son and Spirit. In the future, worship will be clearly given to the Son -- **Revelation 5:8**
2. It Is to Be the Consistent Activity of the Believer, Without Ceasing -- **1 Thess 5:17**
3. When Satan Attacks, the Believer Is to Pray a Prayer of Worship on His Own Behalf (**Ephesians 6:18**).
5. Proseucomai Is Only Done on Your Own Behalf (middle voice). You Cannot Worship for Someone Else.
6. The Spirit of God Is the One Who Assists in the Proper Communication of Worship to God (**Jude 20**). Only Spiritual Christians Can Truly Worship.