

# What is Worshiping God I

**John 4:23-24 (NLT)** *But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.*

## I. What is it to Worship in Spirit and Truth

### A. Worship: šâḥâ

**Genesis 22:4-5 (NASB 2020)** *On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."*

**Worship:** h7812. נָשָׁה šâḥâ; a primitive root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (especially reflexive, in homage to royalty or God): — bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

**Genesis 24:26-27 (NKJV)** *Then the man bowed down his head and worshiped the LORD. And he said, "Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master."*

### B. Worship: ḥâwâ

**Deuteronomy 4:19 (NKJV)** *And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.*

**Worship:** h2331. נָחַח ḥâwâ; a primitive root; (compare 2324, 2421); properly, to live; by implication (intensively) to declare or show: — show.

**Deuteronomy 8:19 (NKJV)** *Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.*

### C. Worship:

**Exodus 24:1 (NKJV)** *Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar."*

**Worship:** chawah (296a); a prim. root; to tell, declare:

**Psalms 22:22 (NKJV)** *I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly, I will praise You.*

## II. Worship – ḥâwâ

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What does this type of worship mean? Does it mean we live life as a ritual, or does it mean we live life as a servant?

**Matthew 15:8-9 (NKJV)** *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*

**Worship:** g4576. σέβομαι sebomai; middle voice of an apparently primary verb; to revere, i.e. adore: — devout, religious, worship.

We can make anything a ritual: coming to church, serving in the church, giving...

Are we doing the acts of service / worship out of a sense of religious devotion or a heart of worship?

**John 4:23-24 (NLT)** *But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship...*

**Worship:** g4352. προσκυνέω proskyneō; from 4314 and a probable derivative of 2965 (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore): — worship.

**Spirit:** g4151. πνεῦμα pneuma; from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition,

**Truth:** g0225. ἀλήθεια alētheia; from 227; truth: — true, x truly, truth, verity; objectively what is true in any matter under consideration

**Romans 12:1 (NLT)** *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.*

**Romans 12:1 (NASB 2020)** *Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

**Romans 12:1 (NKJV)** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

**Service:** g2999. λατρεία latreia; from 3000; ministration of God, i.e. worship: — (divine) service.

**Giving our lives to God for all He has done for us is reasonable!**

**Matthew 22:37-40 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)** Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

**Luke 10:27-28 (NKJV)** So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and your neighbor as yourself.’ ” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

**Live:** g2198. ζῶω zaō; a primary verb; to live (literally or figuratively): — life(-time), (a-)live(-ly), quick. AV (143) - live 117, be alive: 1: to live, breathe, be among the living (not lifeless, not dead) to enjoy real life to have true life and worthy of the name, active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God to live i.e.