



The Worshipper That God Desires

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How Do We Become “Preoccupied With God?”

- *We must Focus on True Worship*
- *We must Desire It*
- *We must be Intentional About It*

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Worship Is About Celebrating God

- *“Worship is encountering God, knowing and experiencing who he is, giving thanks and praise for what he has done, loving the people he loves, and daily doing what he says.”*

Kinnaman, G. (2014). *The Beginner's Guide to Worshiping God*

- It is an ongoing Celebration of the Worthiness of God
- Worship produces Honor and Glory unto His Name

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Worship Is What We Are Created To Do

- **Isaiah 43:21 (NKJV) — 21** This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

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Worship is Our response To God's love

- **Psalm 117:1–2 (NIV) — 1** Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. **2** For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Worship is Our response To God's holy presence

- **1 Chronicles 16:29 (NIV) — 29** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
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Worship is Our response To God's greatness

- **Psalm 95:1–3 (NIV) — 1** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. **2** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. **3** For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Worship is Our response To the deeds of God

- *(I.E.) Noah, Abraham, Israel in Egypt, Daniel, NT Healings*

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Worship is Our response that Instills the Fear of God

- **Hebrews 12:28 (NIV) — 28** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe

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Jesus Told Us To Worship In Spirit And In Truth

- **John 4:19–24 (NIV)** — **19** “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” **21** “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

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What Is Worship “In Spirit And In Truth?”

- ***We Worship Him With Our Heart (in Spirit)***
- ***We Worship Him With Our Mind (in Truth)***

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Worship Must Be In Accordance With God's Commands

- **Romans 12:1 (NIV) — 1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Worship Should Give God The Honor Due To Him

- **Psalms 96:8–9 (NIV) — 8** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. **9** Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

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- **God Alone Is To Be Worshipped**
- **The Worship Of Other Gods Is Forbidden**
- **Exodus 34:14 (NIV) — 14** Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

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He Alone Is Worthy Of Worship

- **Psalm 48:1 (NIV) — 1** Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
- **Psalm 96:4–5 (NIV) — 4** For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. **5** For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
- **Psalm 145:3 (NIV) — 3** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

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Worship Of Mere Human Devices Is Unacceptable

- **Matthew 15:7–9 (NIV) — 7** You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: **8** “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. **9** They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ ”
- ***It Is Possible To Worship In The Wrong Way***
- ***We Must Offer Worship That Is Worship From God’s Perspective***

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Worship Is “Worth-ship”

- Worship means “to attribute worth” to something or someone.
- **In Worship We Assign To God His True Worth**

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Worship Is Desired By God – Not A Need -- Its A Desire

- **Psalm 95:6–7 (NIV)** — **6** Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; **7** for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. ...
- ***Worship Is Not About Feelings – It's About Presence***
- *“A true encounter with God leaves us with a lot more than good feelings. It leaves us with changed hearts and calls us to changed lives.” -- Sally Morganthaler*

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Worship Says “No” To Idolatry

- *We Must Put God In His Rightful Place*
- **Isaiah 45:5–6 (NIV) — 5** I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, **6** so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.

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Worship Is -- The Way We Live

- *“Worship means affirming—through words and actions—that God is our highest priority, greatest desire, and has value above all else.”*

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How To Approach God

- **The proper attitude of worshippers:**
- **Be Prepared: There Is A Preparation For Worship**
- **1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV) — 28** Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

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Confidence In Approaching God

- **Hebrews 10:22–23 (NIV) — 22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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- **Wholeheartedness**
- ***Matthew 22:37 (NIV) — 37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’***

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Worship Changes Us

- *Genuine worship causes us to become more authentic in our faith*
- In Worship We can enter God's Transforming Presence

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Worship Must Be Sincere – “A Heart Plugged In”

- **Psalm 37:4 (NIV) — 4** Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- *Worship Involves Us Taking Delight In The Lord*

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Worship Is Like The Air We Breathe

- *To worship You, I live
To worship You, I live
I live to worship You*

To Worship The Lord Is Our Purpose & Lifeline

- *Worship Is The Air We Breathe*

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Worship Is About Knowing The God You Worship

- *Knowing God involves more than just knowledge about Him; it requires a personal relationship. This relationship is characterized by love and obedience.*
- **John 17:3 (NIV) — 3** Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

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Worship Is Done For God's Glory

- *Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life*
- ***Psalm 29:1–2 (NIV) — 1*** Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ***2*** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

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- **The Chief Thing In All The World Is God's Glory**
- **Philippians 2:9–11 (NIV) — 9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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- **Why Glorify God In Worship?**
- *God told us to*
- *God created us to*
- *God saved us to*
- *Because we get to*
- *Because God has done so much for us*
- *Because we want to express our hearts*

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Worship Is At The Center Of Our Existence, At The Heart Of Our Reason For Being

- ***1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV) — 31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.***
- *May we become worshippers who don't merely hope worship happens --Instead, we determine to worship God and make it happen!*