



## CELEBRATE

Celebrating **HOPE** in Worship

**Scripture:** Matthew 15:1-9; James 4:8

**Summary:** Humans were created to worship. People will give honor and praise to someone or something somewhere sometime. A person can worship self or another person. One can worship an organization or an inanimate object like an idol. Worship is an action in which one offers something of value to another. The wise men brought gifts to worship the messiah (Matthew 2:11). Abraham brought Issac to worship God on Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:1-18). The Israelites sacrificed a lamb to worship God during the Passover (Exodus 12:13-27). That act of worship was to both ask and thank God for the death angel passing over the house. Bowing figuratively and literally is an act of worship. Singing is an act of worship. Giving offerings is an act of worship. Praying is an act of worship. Worship is an action in which one offers something of value to another with the desire and intent to give honor and praise. Worship actions include thanksgiving for blessings received. But also to include the hope of connecting. Also the hope of receiving. Worship is not passive. Worship is active. Worship is celebrating the hope found in one who creates, leads and saves!

We worship when we give our deepest affections and highest praise to something. True worship of God is when we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It's when we prize God above everything else and put Him first in our hearts and in our lives. (*Love Worth Finding*)

**Read:** Exodus 20:1-11

**Read:** Matthew 15:1-9 (Mark 7:6-13, Isaiah 29:13-14)

[8] "This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
[9] in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

**VAIN:** conceited, narcissistic, self-loving, in love with oneself, self-absorbed, self-centered, egotistical, proud, haughty, arrogant, boastful, literary vainglorious, have an excessively high opinion of oneself

- We must honor God with our lips and our hearts.
- We must worship God as a doctrine and commandment from Him.
- Worship God because of who He is, what He has done and has promised to do!

**Read:** Psalm 94:9

**Read:** Luke 1:37

- Worship God in all humility.

**Read:** Luke 18:9-14

Why we worship the God of the Bible!

1. He has commanded us to worship him (Exodus 20:1-11)
2. He is the Living God (Psalm 84:2)
3. He is the creator of all things (Colossians 1:15-23)
4. He created us (See Colossians 1)
5. He has a plan for life and not death (John 10:10, 11:25 & 26)
6. He is eternal (Deuteronomy 33:27)
7. He is all powerful (Luke 1:37)
8. He sees and hears everything (Psalm 94:9)
9. He is everywhere (Psalm 139:7-12)
10. He sees the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10)
11. He is victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14)
12. He is worthy of our worship and praise (1 Chronicles 16:23-34)

**James 4:8 & 10**

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Heavenly Worship Lyrics from Revelation:

**Revelation 4:8**

ALL "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!"

**Revelation 4:11**

PASTOR "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

**Revelation 5:9 & 10**

ALL “Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.

**Revelation 5:12**

PASTOR “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

**Revelation 5:13**

ALL “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

## Life Application Sermon Guide

Pick one or more of these twelve reasons to worship God and answer the questions below.

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- A. What do these verses teach about worshiping God? What is the why? Is there a how?
- B. Have you or others you know been worshiping God in these ways?
- C. What steps could you take to begin worshipping God in these ways in 2024?
- D. What are some reasons to Worship God that you would add? Scripture references?
- E. Are there worship practices that would align your life more closely with these Scriptural directives?