

The Heart of Worship

Psalm 96:7-9 NIV - *Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

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.*

Romans 11:36 TLB - *For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory. To him be glory evermore.*

DEFINITION: Worship is our response to God for who He is and what He has done expressed in the things we say and the way we live

- It's our thanks, our adoration & our praise
- It's our devoted service in His Kingdom
- It's our obedience to His Voice/Word
- It's our decision to live righteously
- It's loving God & loving others

Gen. 22:5 NLT – ⁵ *“Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”*

Hebrews 13:15-16 NIV – *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.*

Romans 12:1 NIV - *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.*

Gen. 4:3-7 NLT – ³ *When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. ⁴ Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵ but he did not accept Cain and his gift.*



Gen. 4:3-7 NLT – ...*This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.*

⁶ “Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? ⁷ You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

Isaiah 29:13 NIV - *“These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
Their worship of me*

Heart attitudes in worship that please God

- A Fearful Heart
- A Thankful Heart

- A Heart that belongs to God
- A Selfless heart

#1 – Worship is not about US!

Isaiah 43:7 NKJV - *Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory;*

The ONLY question that matters in a worship service is “God, are YOU enjoying this worship experience?”

QUOTE - *When I rate worship services based on the degree of personal satisfaction regarding aesthetic tastes, musical preferences, and sermon predispositions, I have reduced worship to idolatry and made the idol none other than myself.* – unknown

QUES. – IF worship is about you, then who are you worshipping?

Psalms 115:1 ESV - *Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

#2 – Worship is not about OTHERS

QUES. – WHY do we have a critical spirit in the Church when we see someone worshipping God? Or doing something for the Lord?

- Self-righteousness?
- Pride? Bad theology? Strongholds in our thinking that make us critical?
- Jealousy?
- Personal resentment?
- Ignorance?

2 Samuel 6:21 NLT - *...I was dancing before the Lord*

Galatians 5:14-15 TLB - *For the whole Law can be summed up in this one command: “Love others as you love yourself.”¹⁵ But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always critical and catty, watch out! Beware of ruining each other.*

