

WHY WORSHIP MATTERS...

1. **WORSHIP IS A _____ TO GOD’S WILL...** (ROMANS 12:1–2)
...in view of God’s mercy, to *offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...your true and proper worship*. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed ...you will be able to test and approve ...his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 - *It not mere emotion—it’s physical, personal, & transforming. It’s cherishing God’s mercy & will.*
2. **WALLS COME DOWN** (JOSHUA 6)
The enemy walls of Jericho didn’t fall by force but by obedience and worship.
 - *When you worship in obedience, barriers that stop you naturally can be dissolved spiritually.*
3. **MIRACULOUS VICTORY IS POSSIBLE** (2 CHRONICLES 20)
The worshipers went ahead of the army—and God caused confusion – defeating the enemy.
 - *If you don’t worship, you can forfeit miraculous victories because you’re choosing natural tactics.*
4. **PRAISE PASSES _____** (ACTS 16)
Paul & Silas worshiped in chains, and the chains broke.
 - *When we worship, we can be naturally bound but spiritually, emotionally, and mentally free.*
5. **YOU ARE FOUND IN THE FURNACE** (DANIEL 3)
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused false worship and found God in the fire.
 - *When you worship despite opposition, you experience a special kind of closeness with Jesus.*
6. **ADORATION CAN ATTRACT – OR ATROPHY** (2 SAMUEL 6)
David worshiped with genuine passion and jubilation. Some marveled. Others mocked.
 - *If you’re too proud to worship, you’ll end up like Michal: close to the presence & cold to its power.*
7. **GOD WANTS TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE** (EXODUS 33)
God spoke to Moses like a friend—in a place of worship and intimacy.
 - *If you don’t prioritize worship, you’ll live on 2nd-hand revelation instead of hearing God yourself.*
8. **_____ PROPELS ME TOWARD THE RIGHT GIANT** (1 SAMUEL 17:45–47)
David’s declaration, “...the battle is the Lord’s...”, stirred his courage and sent him toward the giant.
 - *If you don’t declare God’s victory, you’ll shrink back from battles that God intends for you to win.*
9. **GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE** (LUKE 7)
A sinful woman wept and worshiped at Jesus’ feet, and He honored and forgave her.
 - *As you worship through your brokenness, you inherit the healing and love God is eager to give.*
10. **SURRENDER WELCOMES SOLACE** (GENESIS 22)
Abraham called his sacrifice a form of “worship” and found God’s provision on the mountain.
 - *If you won’t worship when it costs you, you’ll never discover how much God can truly provide.*
11. **JESUS SAID LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD...** (MARK 12:30)
Jesus boldly calls for *all-in* worship: *heart, soul, mind, and strength*.
 - *If you won’t worship with your whole self, you may be idolizing your preferences—and placing yourself in opposition to God.*
12. **THERE IS ONE ON THE THRONE** (REVELATION 4–5)
Heaven is a place of unceasing worship, where everything bows before the Lamb.
 - *As we worship now, we get a glimpse of heaven’s focus! We’re embracing our eternal destiny and we’re announcing the holiness and power, wisdom and grandeur of our limitless, loving God!*

REVELATION 4:6–11 NIV

...the twenty-four elders **fall down before him** who sits on the throne and **worship him**...

WORSHIP: PROSKUNEO

“...prostrating oneself...kissing their feet or the hem of their garment... to express complete dependence on, or submission to, a high authority figure.”

*"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, **that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.**"*

A.W. TOZER

"Many Spirit-filled authors have exhausted the thesaurus in order to describe God with the glory He deserves. His perfect holiness, by definition, assures us that our words can't contain Him.

Isn't it a comfort to worship a God we cannot exaggerate?"

FRANCIS CHAN

*"It is **the pleasing of God** that is at the heart of worship."*

R.C. SPROUL

"You cannot divide human beings into those who worship and those who don't.

Everybody worships; it's just a matter of what, or whom..."

PAUL DAVID TRIPP

*"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. **Kindle and seize us.** Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run."*

AUGUSTINE

THERE IS NO ONE LIKE OUR GOD!

JOB 42:5-6 "My ears had heard of you....**now my eyes have seen you.**

Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

ISAIAH 6:5-8 "I saw the Lord..."**"Woe to me!"** I cried. **"I am ruined!"**

DAN 10:10-15 "...I stood up trembling...**I bowed with my face toward the ground** ...speechless."

REV 1:17 "...When I saw him, **I fell at his feet as though dead...**"

WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS "WORSHIP"...

Numerous times, the Bible will *describe* how people worship God. But beyond those descriptions, when you read the actual word "*worship*", it can carry a wide variety of meanings. This is because your English Bible has been translated from the much more descriptive languages of Hebrew or Greek. Online translation tools can teach you about the original words until you learn those Biblical languages. The word "worship" is in the Bible around 180 times, each entry carrying distinct nuance and emphasizing a different aspect of the idea. These ideas encompass physical submission, service, obedience, adoration, thanksgiving, musical praise, & reverence for God.

GREEK WORDS (NEW TESTAMENT)

- **proskuneo** (pros-koo-neh'-o): the most common Greek word for "worship," implying paying homage or showing honor by kneeling or laying prostrate. It can also mean "to kiss the hand of a superior," representing profound reverence.
- **latreuo** (lat-ryoo'-o): to minister, pay homage, serve, or perform sacred duties, emphasizing service & dedication.
- **sebomai** (seb'-om-ah-ee): to show genuine reverence or adoration.
- **eusebeo**: to be consistently honoring toward God, to worship, or to practice piety.

HEBREW WORDS (OLD TESTAMENT)

- **shachah** (shaw-khaw'): the primary Hebrew word for "worship," meaning to bow down, prostrate oneself, or pay homage, signifying physical submission and humility.
- **yadah**: lifting hands in praise to God.
- **hallal**: to give foolish or extravagant glory, the root of "hallelujah", celebrating and praising God.
- **tehillah**: singing a new or spontaneous song of praise to God.
- **towdah**: thanksgiving for blessings received or for a future blessing that is anticipated.
- **zamar**: praising God with musical instruments.
- **shabach**: loud praise to God – in a loud triumphant tone, as if victory was in the balance. *This is a holy roar*, not in response to something we've already experienced, but we shout, EXPECTING God to win!

JER 29:13 YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME, **WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.**

MATT 6:33 ...**SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS...**

HEB 11:6 ...BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS & HE REWARDS **THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.**