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- God is not looking for worship.
- Not needy
- Surrounded by worship
- The world is full of worship
- True worshipers

John 4:23

- “The time is coming, yes, it is here now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father seeks that kind of worshiper.”
- What does he find when he finds you?

Romans 12:1-2

- I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

- Worship that you are motivated to engage in.
- Present your bodies as living sacrifices.
- God centered

Luke 7:36-50

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner. Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay

him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. For this reason, I say to you, her sins which are many, have been forgiven, because she loved much. But whoever has been forgiven little, loves little. Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you: go in peace.”

Worshippers are givers.

- One year's wages
- Ex. 23:15 – “No one is to appear before me empty-handed.” Sacrifice of praise.
- wasted
- giving too much for too little
- Those forgiven little, love little.

Worshippers cannot go unnoticed.

- Part of the cost of being a worshiper
- How tolerant are you of extravagant expressions of worship?
- True worship will invoke the criticism of the spiritually barren.



4 Attributes of a True Worshiper

1. Worshipers recognize God's greatness.

- Psalms 8:1 – “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!”
- Psalms 19:1-2 – The heavens are telling of the glory of God and their expanse is declaring the work of his hands. Day to day pours forth the speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

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- Psalms 24:8-10 – Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, your everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.”
- True worship is the overflow of a heart that is in awe of God.

2. Worshipers hunger for God.

- Face time – Prayer is communicating with God and worship is face time with God.
- Ps. 26:8 – “Lord, I have loved the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.”
- Ps. 27:4 – “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.”

Psalms 63:1-2

- Ps. 63:1-2 – “God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, as if in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary, and beheld Your power and your glory.”

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- True worship is the expression of a deep hunger for God.
- Worship begins in the heart.
- A lukewarm heart cannot perform boiling hot worship.

3. Worshipers aren't chameleons

- Worshipers worship in good times & bad.
- Psalm 42:7 – Deep calls unto deep in the roar of your waterfalls.
- Stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go over there and worship.

4. Worshipers understand they are sanctified and righteous.

- 2 Tim. 2:21 – “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”
- Sanctified means set apart.

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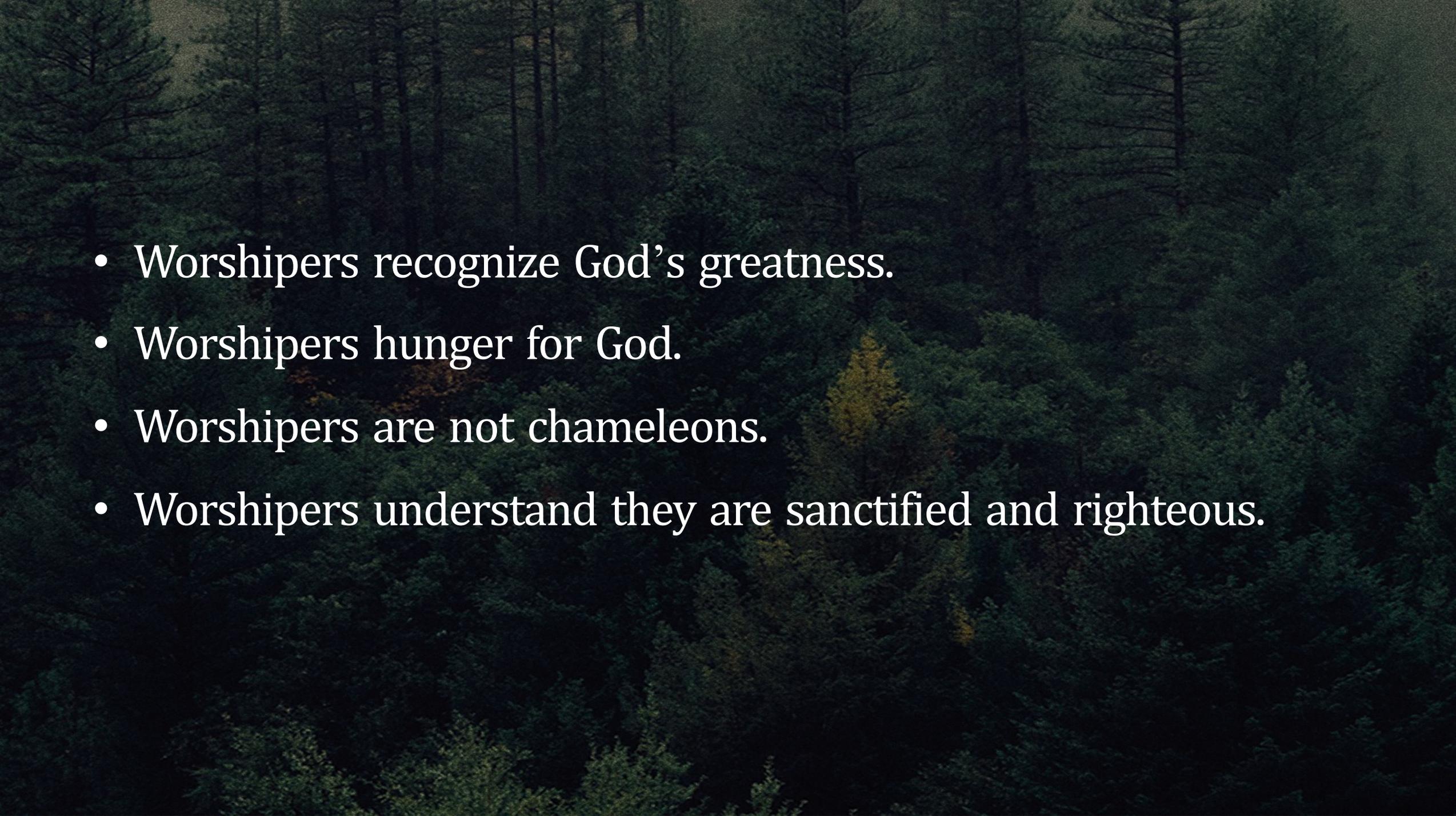
- Heb. 2:11 – “For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”
- You were set apart to worship.

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- Rom. 5:17 – “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!”
- We are righteous because of what Jesus has done, not because of what we have done.

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- Guilt and condemnation are the two greatest obstacles to becoming a true worshiper.
- First she worshiped, then she was forgiven.
- “The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.” Tim Challies

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