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WHY **WORSHIP?**

# What is Worship

- True worship is a valuing or a treasuring of God above all things.
- Worship= worth-ship
- Our worship is contingent upon how much we value God.

# Matthew 15:8-9

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.

- Jesus says their worship is vain which means the sum total of zero.

## 2 True Act of Worship

- Acts of praise and repentance in worship services or small group gatherings. This requires sacrifice on our part.
- Acts of love toward God and others. First we show our love to God and also through showing love to one another. These are true acts of worship.

# William Temple

“For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of our will to his purpose. And all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.”

# What Worship Is

- Worship is the outcome of the fellowship of love between God & man.
- Worship is the first and principal purpose of man's eternal calling.
- Worship is a person's expression of love, adoration, and praise to God, with an attitude and acknowledgment of his supremacy and Lordship.

# What Worship Is

- Worship is the unashamed outpouring of gratitude to Jesus.
- Worship is awesome wonder in the presence of God.
- Worship is a conversation between God and man, a conversation of words, songs, thoughts, and actions that is an ongoing dialogue in the life of a believer.

# What Worship Is

- Praise is the gateway to worship.
- “Praise knocks the dust of the world off of you.”
- If we are inhibited in our praise then we are probably inhibited in our worship.
- Praise is a powerful weapon that stultifies the enemy.



# 4 Misconceptions About Worship

# 1. Worship is Superior to Praise

- Both expressions are equally important.

Psalm 96:9

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

# 1. Worship is Superior to Praise

- It awakens the worshiper within them.
- It awakens the fear of God inside them.
- It causes them to want to seek God.

## 2. Praise creates the presence of God, and we spend the rest of the time worshiping.

- We did not create God therefore we do not create his presence.

Psalm 100:4-5 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For Yahweh is good, and his love is eternal; his faithfulness endures through all generations.

# 3. I am my own worship leader

- The Holy Spirit is the worship leader.
- True worship is spirit led.
- God wants to do specific things in each worship service and in our lives.
- This applies corporately and individually.

# 4. Worship is done from a distance

- Worship is a close encounter with God.
- Proskuneo- worship in the Greek
- Pros means toward, Kuneo means to kiss
- Worship is the kiss of heaven.
- In the NT 5 places mentions to greet each other with a holy kiss.

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