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A CALL TO

WORSHIP



REVELATION 4:11

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“You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”



- **WORSHIP.** (Ps. 99:5) shachah (shah-chah);
- To bow, to stoop; to bow down before someone as an act of submission or reverence; to worship; to fall or bow down when paying homage to God.
- The primary meaning is **“to make oneself low.”**

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool He *is* holy.
Psalm 99:5



- Shachah is used in contrast to exaltation: exalt the Lord (lift Him up high) **and worship** (bow yourselves down low before Him) **at the place of His feet.**
- **To prostrate oneself, bow down, do obeisance, show reverence, do homage, worship, adore.**
- All believers have a one-dimensional worship, to the only Lord and Savior.



- In Old Testament times patriarchs built altars to the Lord and called on His name (Gen. 12:8; 13:18).
- New Testament worship was characterized by a **joy** and **thanksgiving** because of God's gracious redemption in Christ,
- Early church worship focused on the presence of God's kingdom grace and power through His saving work in His Son.



- True worship was defined as that which occurred under the inspiration and animation of the Holy Spirit (John 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3).
- God alone is to be worshipped 1Ch 16:25
- The supreme reason for human existence is to worship God for his love, greatness and saving deeds.



➤ **To worship is a divine command** **Mt 4:10**

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”



➤ **God's people are to be a worshipping people 1Peter 2:9**

⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



➤ **Worship is the response of God's people**

- ✓ To God's love Ex 4:31
- ✓ To God's holy presence 1Ch 16:29
- ✓ To God's greatness Ps 95:1-3



➤ Acceptable attitudes in worship

➤ True worship is not the mechanical repetition of rituals, but should be **wholehearted and reverent**.

➤ It should be based upon trustful and obedient lives, in that obedience is itself to be seen as an act of worship.



➤ **The proper attitude of worshippers**

- ✓ Preparation for worship 1Co 11:28
- ✓ Wholeheartedness Dt 6:5
- ✓ Confidence in approaching God Heb 10:22-23



➤ Elements of worship

- ✓ Worship with **awe** Dt 10:12
- ✓ Worship includes **trust** Ps 4:5
- ✓ Worship includes **praise** Ps 22:22
- ✓ Worship includes **thanksgiving** Ps 100:4
- ✓ Worship with **joy** Ps 95:1



- Worship includes confession of Jesus as Lord Heb 13:15
- Worship includes confession of sin Hos 14:2
- Worship includes the reading of God's word Col 3:16
- Worship includes music and song Ps 95:2-3
- Worship includes dance Ps 149:3



➤ **Hindrances to worship**

True worship goes beyond mere form and can therefore be hindered by a wrong relationship to God or to others.

➤ **Worship is hindered by wrong relationships**

✓ **To God Ps 66:18**

✓ **To others Isa 1:11-17**



➤ **The Results of Worship**

Worship not only gives God what is due to him but also results in many benefits for his people.

❖ **True worship brings benefits for God's people**

✓ **Blessing Ex 23:25-26**

✓ **Guidance Ac 13:2-3**

✓ **Deliverance Ac 16:25-26**



- ✓ Joy 1Ch 29:21-22
- ✓ A sense of God's presence 2Ch 5:13-14
- ✓ A deeper sense of Jesus Christ's lordship Php 2:9-11
- ✓ Boldness to witness Ac 4:31
- ✓ True worship convicts sinners 1Co 14:24-25



➤ **Examples of regular worship**

☐ **On a daily basis Ac 2:46-47**

☐ **Several times a day Da 6:10**

☐ **On holy days 2Ch 8:12-13**



- At the three annual pilgrim festivals Dt 16:16
 - Passover** (*Feast of Unleavened Bread*): Ex 12:1-20
 - Pentecost** (*or the Feast of Weeks*): Ex 34:22
 - The Feast of Tabernacles** (*or Ingathering*): Ex 23:16



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