

## **How Would You Describe Your Worship**

- (1) Will-worship: When the Apostle Paul addressed the brethren of Colossæ, he said, “Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, dwelling in the things which he hath seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God” (Colossians 2:18-19). Thus, the humility was voluntary: it only had an appearance of humility, and the worship was according the devices of the man, and not of God. And then, the Apostle Paul turned his attention to the “rudiments of the world,” or the Jews observance of rites and ceremonies, and instructed the brethren, “Handle not, nor taste, nor touch (all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men” (vs. 21-22), he said, “Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh” (vs. 23). Even though this worship had a show of wisdom, humility and zeal, it was of no account.
- (2) Creature-worship: Addressing the sins of the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul said, “Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen” (Romans 1:24-25). Once again, worship that exchanges the truth of God for a lie, and finds it’s fulfillment in the lusts of the flesh, is a dishonor to man, and a supreme dishonor to God.
- (3) Ignorant-worship: The Apostle Paul, said to the Athenians, “Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are very religious (somewhat superstitious). For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship

in ignorance, this I set forth unto you” (Acts 17:22-23). Ignorant means “not to know.” When an individual says, “It doesn’t matter what or who you worship, just so long as you worship,” would fall into this category.

- (4) True-worship: when Jesus said, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24), he sets forth the conditions of acceptable worship: “God is a Spirit”, worship must, therefore, be in character with God’s nature. “Must worship in... truth:” worship must be in harmony with God’s standard. ret