

WORSHIP - Are You Involved or Are You Just a Spectator?

Whenever Christians gather together on Sunday morning it is for the express purpose of worship. There are many components of the worship service such as praise, scripture reading, prayer, hymns, communion, special music, teaching, preaching and even testimonies. However, what are we trying to accomplish? What is the goal? What is the purpose? Or for that matter, what is worship?

Worship means "to show reverence, to honor God who is worthy", also "to ascribe praise to God because of Who He is and What He has done". When you are worshipping God you are simply spending time in the presence of God (Ps.16:11) praising Him. There are two key aspects involved: (1) extolling, reflecting and speaking of Who He is - His character - Great, Almighty, Holy, Righteous, Gracious, Merciful, Pure, Just, Love... (2) Extolling, reflecting and speaking of What He's done - His works, the creation, sending Christ, praising Him, saving us, building this church... When you extol the character and works of God, you are worshipping Him. This must be the attitude you must consciously develop and maintain in order to benefit from a church service. This attitude will make it possible for you to be participating rather than just observing. In order to make worship more meaningful at church corporately with other believers - your individual worship and devotion must be vitally a part of your daily living. You can worship God anywhere and you should. Study the following passages and list as many observations as you can regarding worship. I trust this study will be informative and meaningful as well as motivational.

God desires our worship.

Jn.4:24  
Hosea 6:6

Micah 6:6-8

How are we to worship? How's it described? How's it to be done?

Jn.4:24

Ps.51 (from a pure heart)

Ps.42:1-2

Mt.5:6

Worship is commanded.

I Chron.16:29

Ps.95:6

Ps.29:2

Ps.147:7-11

Ex.34:14

Study the following passages of scripture which are examples of worship. As you make observations, answer such questions as, Who is worshipping God?, How are they expressing worship?, Why are they worshipping God - because of what?, What is revealed about God? (Who is He? What has He done?).

Ps.148:1-10

Ps.148:11-13

Isa.6:1-6

Rev.4:1-11



II Chron.6:1-42

Rev.19:1-18

Rev.15:3-4

Rev.7:11-12

Lk.2:13

Ex.3:5

Heb.1:6

Mt.2:2,11

Mt.9:18

Mt.15:25; 28:17

Gen.4:1-16

Acts 17:15-34

Is worship only God-centered meditation? List all the different ways you can worship God.

What does worship do? What is the value of it?

I Cor.14:22-25  
(testifies of the truth  
to unbelievers)

Acts 2:42-47  
(strengthens fellowship)

Ps.50:23

As you spend time getting to know the Lord in this real and exciting way, your love for him will grow more and more, and your love for sin will grow less and less. If you are not enjoying and sharing your life with God, you need to begin worshipping Him. Worship is the missing link if you don't live a life of motivated obedience to God's Word.

I Jn.2:5

Jn.14:23

Jn.14:21