

Worship

Lesson 3

Why Should We Worship God?

Worship

1. Who should we worship?
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What Is Worship?

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2. We must worship God in spirit and truth
3. Worship in spirit, offer to God the spiritual sacrifices revealed by the Holy Spirit
4. Worship in truth, the true worship that the Old Testament had foreshadowed
5. The difference between worship and service

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Introduction

- Whether we look in the Old Testament or the New Testament, we find similar reasons for why we should worship (offer reverence and honor) God
- God is Creator of all including humanity
- He is authority over all creation, the only one having the right to command us in how we should worship and live
- He is the one who will judge in the future by His righteous standard

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- He is Savior, provider of salvation to those who submit to those terms of forgiveness He has revealed
- In the New Testament, we see a clearer picture of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together in Creation, Lordship (authority) and providing salvation

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- We worship God because of who He is and what He has done, is doing and will do
- God is loving, holy, just merciful, perfect in every way
- We also worship God to edify (build up) each other in faith based on God's Word
- When edified, we are encouraged to live the Christian life each day to God's glory

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God Is Creator, Authority Over All,
Savior And Perfect In Every Way

Psa 96:1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Psa 96:2 Sing to the LORD, bless His
name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation
from day to day.

Psa 96:3 Tell of His glory among the
nations, His wonderful deeds among all the
peoples.

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Psa 96:4 For great is the LORD and greatly
to be praised; He is to be feared above all
gods.

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are
idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Psa 96:6 Splendor and majesty are before
Him, Strength and beauty are in His
sanctuary.

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Psa 96:7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of
the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength.

Psa 96:8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of
His name; Bring an offering and come into
His courts.

Psa 96:9 Worship the LORD in holy attire;
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

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Psa 96:10 Say among the nations, "The
LORD reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly
established, it will not be moved; He will
judge the peoples with equity."

Psa 96:11 Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it
contains;

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Psa 96:12 Let the field exult, and all that is
in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing
for joy

Psa 96:13 Before the LORD, for He is
coming, For He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness And
the peoples in His faithfulness.

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Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and
behold, a door standing open in heaven, and
the first voice which I had heard, like the
sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said,
"Come up here, and I will show you what
must take place after these things."

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and
behold, a throne was standing in heaven,
and One sitting on the throne.

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Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

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Rev 4:5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

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Rev 4:6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

Rev 4:7 The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

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Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

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Rev 4:9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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Rev 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

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Rev 5:1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"

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Rev 5:3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

Rev 5:4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;

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Rev 5:5 and one of the elders *said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

Rev 5:6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 21

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Rev 5:7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Rev 5:8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

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Rev 5:9 And they *sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Rev 5:10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

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Rev 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

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Rev 5:13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Rev 5:14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Why Should We Worship God?

1. God is Creator, authority over all, Savior and perfect in every way
2. Edify (build up) one another in the faith based on the Word of God

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Edify (Build Up) One Another In The Faith Based On The Word of God

- Our worship is directed primarily toward God who is above all and the only one worthy of our worship
- But, God also has created worship so that Christians may be edified (built up) in the faith, God's Word
- Therefore, all worship should encourage us to learn, rejoice in and apply His Word as we live each day in all areas of our lives

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Edify (Build Up) One Another In The Faith Based On The Word of God

- If our worship is not edifying to us so that we are seeking to grow stronger as Christians and delight in His will, then something is wrong
- This can happen and did happen with the church at Corinth from which we can learn much even though miraculous spiritual gifts do not apply to us today

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- The miraculous gifts included some in the church having the ability to speak in tongues (known foreign languages which they had not learned), interpreting the meaning of what was said in tongues and prophesying, teaching directed by the Holy Spirit
- The miraculous gifts ended when the New Testament was completed

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We Must Worship God In Spirit and Truth

Joh 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Heb 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

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Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

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Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Eph 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

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Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

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Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

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Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

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Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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Miraculous Spiritual Gifts Have Ceased But
Principles of Edifying In Worship Apply

1Co 13:8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;

1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

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1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

1Co 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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All Worship Was To Be For Edifying The Church

1Co 14:12 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

1Co 14:13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

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1Co 14:15 What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

1Co 14:16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

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1Co 14:17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified.

1Co 14:18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

1Co 14:19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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1Co 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.

1Co 14:21 In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.

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1Co 14:22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

1Co 14:23 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

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1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

1Co 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

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1Co 14:26 What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1Co 14:27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret;

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1Co 14:28 but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

1Co 14:30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent.

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1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

1Co 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

1Co 14:33 for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

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1Co 14:34 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

1Co 14:35 If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.

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1Ti 2:11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

1Ti 2:12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

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1Ti 2:13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

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All Worship Was To Be For Edifying The Church

1Co 14:36 Was it from you that the word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

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All Worship Was To Be For Edifying The Church

1Co 14:38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

1Co 14:39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

1Co 14:40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

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