

Worship

Lesson 5 Authorized Worship That God Accepts

Worship

1. Who should we worship?
2. What is worship?
3. Why should we worship God?
4. Unauthorized worship that God rejects
5. Authorized worship that God accepts

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Unauthorized Worship That God Rejects

1. God will not accept unauthorized worship from men
2. God will not accept ignorant worship
3. God will not accept self-made (self-imposed) worship
4. God will not accept vain worship

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Introduction

- When we speak of worship, we speak of honoring and reverencing God in the ways He has authorized in His Word
- To do anything less is to displease God and make our worship vain
- First, what attitudes are we to display when we worship, offer the spiritual sacrifices God has commanded?

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Introduction

- Contrary to popular trends, worship is not to be done casually, for entertainment or unrestrained fleshly desires
- Second, how are we specifically to worship, offer those spiritual sacrifices that God has revealed to us in the apostles' teaching, the New Testament?
- Sadly, many things are done in worship that cannot be found in the New Testament

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Authorized Worship Must Be Based On The Apostles' Teaching

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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Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

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Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--

Rev 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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1Pe 2:4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
1Pe 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Make Worship The Highest Priority

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

Heb 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

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Make Worship The Highest Priority

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

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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.

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,¹⁶

Make Worship The Highest Priority

Heb 10:27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

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Make Worship The Highest Priority

Heb 10:29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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Make Worship The Highest Priority

Heb 10:30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY."
And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

Heb 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

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Love Toward God And One Another

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

1Jn 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

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Love Toward God And One Another

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

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Reverence

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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Reverence

Rev 15:4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

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Gratitude And Joy

Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Php 4:5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Gratitude And Joy

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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Properly And Orderly

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

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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Properly And Orderly

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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Edify One Another

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.

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Authorized Worship That God Accepts

1. Authorized worship must be based on the apostles' teaching
2. Authorized worship must be done with the right attitudes
3. The authorized spiritual sacrifices we are to offer to God

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Authorized Worship Must Be Done With The Right Attitudes

1. Make worship the highest priority
2. Love toward God and one another
3. Reverence
4. Gratitude and joy
5. Properly and orderly
6. Edify one another

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The Authorized Spiritual Sacrifices We Are To Offer To God

- In the apostles' teaching, the New Testament, God has authorized the spiritual worship involving spiritual sacrifices that we must offer to Him
- Let us study what a local church did in worship as they gathered together every first day of the week, Sunday, to glorify God
- And, let us contrast this true worship with that found in the Old Testament

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Offered Prayers To God Through Jesus

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

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Offered Prayers To God Through Jesus

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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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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.

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

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Offered Prayers To God Through Jesus

Act 12:5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

Act 12:12 And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

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Offered Prayers To God Through Jesus

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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Offered Prayers To God Through Jesus

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

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Offered Songs To God (Without Musical Instruments)

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

Heb 13:16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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Offered Songs To God (Without Musical Instruments)

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

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.

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Preached, Heard And Applied God's Word

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1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

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Preached, Heard And Applied God's Word

Rom 15:15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

Rom 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

Mat 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Mat 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

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Observed The Lord's Supper

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, 1Co 11:21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

1Co 11:33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

1Co 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

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Observed The Lord's Supper

1Co 10:16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

1Co 10:17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

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Gave To Help Needy Saints And Men
Devoted To Teaching The Gospel

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

1Co 16:3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

2Co 8:3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,

2Co 8:4 begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

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2Co 8:5 and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

2Co 9:6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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Gave To Help Needy Saints And Men
Devoted To Teaching The Gospel

2Co 9:7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

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Devoted To Teaching The Gospel

Php 4:14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

Php 4:15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

Php 4:16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

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Gave To Help Needy Saints And Men
Devoted To Teaching The Gospel

Php 4:17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

Php 4:18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

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2. Offered songs to God (without musical instruments)
3. Preached, heard and applied God's Word
4. Observed the Lord's supper
5. Gave to help needy saints and men devoted to teaching the gospel