

# Worship and Praise

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(1 Peter 2:9) But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

## Improper Worship

We are not to worship idols, pictures, or any type of image. We are not to worship angels, demons, satan, or anyone or anything except God.

God told us to never worship an type of image, (Exodus 20:4-5) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me.

Satan offered Jesus the world if Jesus would worship him, (Matthew 4:8-10) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Jesus tells us that we are not to worship after the traditions of man, (Mark 7:7-9) Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men. (8) For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (9) And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

The angel told John to worship God only, (Revelation 22:8-9) And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. (9) Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

## Proper Worship

Proper worship is when we worship God in spirit, in truth, and with our whole hearts.

We are to worship in spirit and truth, (John 4:23-24) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Worshiping in truth will set us free, (John 8:32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Worshiping in truth will cleanes us, (John 17:17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

We are to worship God with our whole heart, (Psalm 111:1) Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

We are to worship God with our whole hearts, (Psalm 9:1) I will praise *thee*, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

We are to worship God with our whole heart, (Mark 12:30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

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## The Importance of Worship

The ministry of worship and praise signifies the priestly ministry of the believer. (2 Chronicles 29:11) My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

The Bible teaches that we are all priests unto God, (Revelation 1:6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

God wants us to offer unto Him spiritual sacrifices, (1 Peter 2:5) Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

We are to give ourselves as a living sacrifice, (Romans 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

We are to give our praises to God as a sacrifice, (Hebrews 13:15) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

God is well pleased when we give our tithes and offerings, for these sacrifices take care of the church building and the ministry, (Philippians 4:18) But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

## Reasons Why We Worship

God ordained a way for us to come into His presence, (Psalm 100:4) Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

God lives in the center of our worship, (Psalm 22:3) But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Worship is our altar of incense, (Psalm 141:2) Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

Praise and worship brings the presence of God and produces spiritual refreshing, (2 Chronicles 5:13-14) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the Lord; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

It is one way we can glorify God, (Psalm 50:23) Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

It is our way of offering spiritual sacrifices, (Hebrews 13:15) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

It is fulfillment of prophecy, (Isaiah 12:4) And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

We are changed into God's image when we worship, (2 Corinthians 3:18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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God promises to meet with us and speak to us when we offer spiritual sacrifices, (Exodus 29:41-42) *And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord. (42) This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.*

Worship and praise purifies us, (Proverbs 27:21) *As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.*

## Reasons Why We Praise

To show forth all of God's praises, (Psalm 9:14) *That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.*

God is worthy to be praised, (Psalm 18:3) *I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.*

When we praise God we glorify Him, (Psalm 50:23) *Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.*

God loving kindness is better than life, (Psalm 63:3-4) *Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. (4) Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.*

All people are to praise God, (Psalm 67:3) *Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.*

It is a good thing to praise God, (Psalm 92:1-4) *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: (2) To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, (3) Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. (4) For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.*

Praising God is something that we should pass down and teach the next generation, (Psalm 102:18) *This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.*

## Who Should Praise the Lord?

All the people in church, (Psalm 134:1) *Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.*

Everyone, (Psalm 150:6) *Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.*