

Finding My Fit: Getting My Worship On!

Part 2



"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

John 4:24

A. What is worship?

1. Worship is ascribing worth to something or someone. (Hebrew/Greek Words for Worship)
 - Shachah – To bow. (Most used Hebrew word for "worship" in Scripture)
 - Abad – A bondservant or bondsman. (Used for "worshiper")
 - Proskuneo – To prostrate, kissing towards, adore. (Most used Greek word for "worship" in Scripture)
 - Latreuo – To minister to God, render religious homage, serve.
2. The object of my worship is only as valuable (in my perception) as the worship I offer to it.
3. Worship requires sacrifice.

"He (Abraham) said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Genesis 22:5

4. We are called to worship.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

5. Our worship communicates.
6. Worship is ministry to God, not man.

7. We are designed to worship. That's why everyone is doing it. Only those that direct and dedicate it solely to God put the design to proper use.

B. Why do we worship?

1. Because God commanded us to worship.

"Jesus answered, "It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." Luke 4:8

2. Because it brings encouragement to each other.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds," Hebrews 10:24

3. Because the church is a building of people built together in Christ.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord." Ephesians 2:19-21

4. Because we can only experience fellowship, encouragement, accountability, and full use of the spiritual gifts when we are gathered as a body.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47

C. When do we worship?

1. When we gather together in His name.
"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

2. When we are gathered together as a body.
"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

3. When we have opportunity to ascribe worship to God.

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4. When the body meets together.
"not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

D. How do we worship?

1. With a fully surrendered life.
"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1

2. With a joyful and grateful heart.
"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2
"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:16-17

3. With a variety of music.

“Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:18b-20

4. With a variety of expressions.

*“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.”
Psalm 134:2*

“Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.” Psalm 47:1

“Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel (a type of drum) and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” Psalm 150

Worship

We worship God by gathering on Sundays!