



“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1. What Is Worship?

*Some selected definitions include: **1. An encounter with the living God.**

2. When we put God first in our lives **3. Communicating to God how much we love Him.**

4. When you see God and admire Him.

The key to understanding genuine worship is that it's about giving to God, not getting from God.

Genuine worship is about pleasing God, not having God please you.

2. Why Should We Worship?

A. **Worship Changes Us** (2 Cor. 3:18). What you worship determines what you become.

Worship is why we were created; as we worship we become that for which we were created!

True worship changes us, but that is not the primary reason we worship.

B. **God Desires Our Worship** (John 4:23b). “... *for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*”

Worship pleases God. We bring pleasure to God by worshipping Him.

C. **God Deserves Our Worship** (Rev. 4:11). “*You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.*”

God is worthy of our praise because He is our Creator and our Lord!

3. How Should We Worship (John 4:19–24)?

***We often think worship is only done at church. We also tend to define worship by a timeframe:**

9:30 to 10:15am (with Announcements thrown in) on Sunday mornings, for example.

Some define worship as simply singing from a hymn book or worship chorus.

***Christ explained that worship is more than where you are, what time it is, and whether you sing.**

A. **God Seeks Those Who Worship Him in Spirit.** Our spirit is our inner life, our emotions, our will, our heart. **Genuine worship happens only when the very core of our being is involved in**

worshipping God. Worshipping in spirit means our heart must be His!

B. **God Seeks Those Who Worship Him in Truth.** Some want to say, “I’ll just worship God in my own way.” **No, we must worship God in His way. We must worship according to God’s**

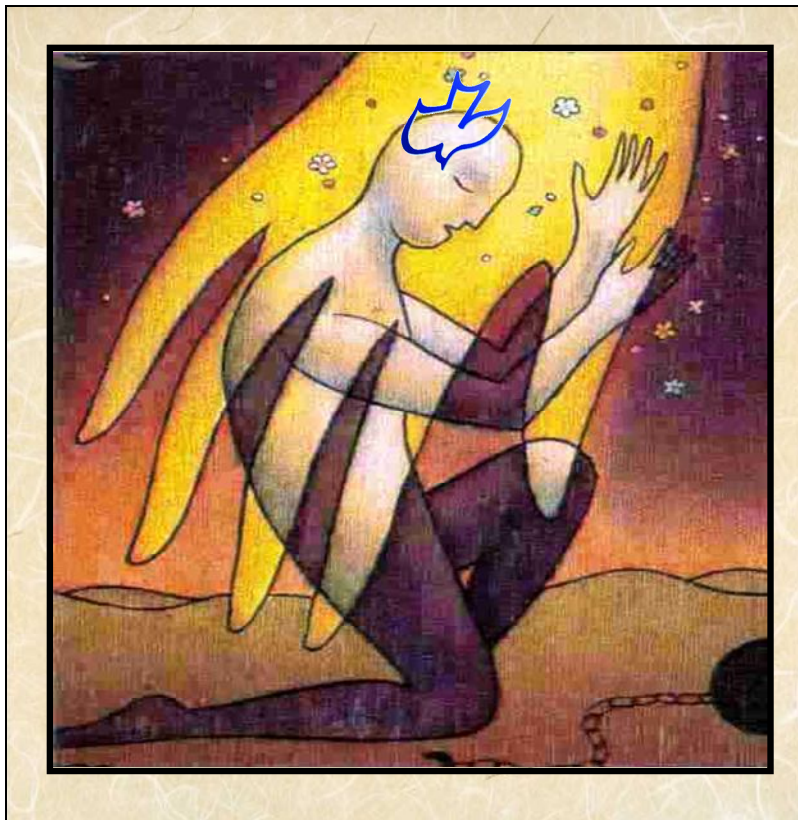
revelation.

C. **God Seeks Those Who Worship Him Holistically** (Mark 12:30). Another definition:

“Worship is responding to all that God is, with all that we are.”

Conclusion: Humans are all born as worshipers. *Either we worship God, or we will worship or live our lives for created things rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:25).

Let’s dedicate ourselves to worshipping God in Spirit and in truth with everything we are!



WORSHIP

“Worship is giving God what he already owns...yourself!”

The declaration by the creature of the Greatness of His Creator!



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R- ecounting the
A- cts of the
I- ncomparable
S- overeign of
E- ternity**

