## WHO IS GOD THAT WE SHOULD WORSHIP HIM?

## "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." Psalm 19:1 CHRISTatTheHelm.org

The bible tells us in John 4:24 that "God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

To this effect, who is God and how must we worship Him in spirit and in truth?

Here are scriptures describing God's attributes to worship:

Ps 147:5: "Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite."

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."

Heb 4:13: "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account."

In other words, God has all power, knows everything, sees everything and is everywhere at all times. That in itself should bring our hearts to realize that we can't humanize God as He is Spirit.

The reason Acts 17:24 says, "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands."

Then, Ex 15:2 tells us: "The LORD *is* my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him."

Do we understand why God requires we worship Him in spirit and in truth?



Worship is defined as showing a reverent devotion, honor, and profound love and admiration for God. In other words, it is recognizing God for who He is, praising His attributes, and bowing in submission to His will for us.

The reason Jesus said in Mat 12:30, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." In essence, it equates to a complete surrender to God as our Creator and Lord.

Worship also encompasses living our life to please God, as scriptures tell us:

Eph 5:8: "For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

Ps 103:17-18: "But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children, with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts."

Ps 108:3-4: "I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens, and Your truth *reaches* to the clouds."

What then does worshipping God produce in our lives?

Ps 145:18: "The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth."

How near is God to our heart right now?

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## WHY MUST WE WORSHIP GOD?

"Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You." Ps 63:3

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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."

Rom 11:36: "For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to Whom *be* glory forever."

Ps 29:2: "Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

1Chron 29:11: "Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours;* Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all."

All creation owes God worship. Why is it even more important for true believers to worship God through our lives?

1Cor 3:16: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

1Peter 2:9: "But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Rev 14:7: "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Do we understand the importance to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

## HOW MUST WE WORSHIP GOD?

"Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:9

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Worshipping God is much more than raising hands and singing songs to the Lord. As Jesus quoting Isaiah in Mat 15:9 said, "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men."

Why?

John 4:24: "God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." In other words, our hearts, our spirit must be in awe before God when we worship Him.

What then does true worship incorporate?

Heb 12:28-29: "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

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

Col 3:14-15: "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." How true, steady and sincere are we in worshipping God through our lives?



What is the most important source of knowledge to feed our worship to God?

Heb 4:12: "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

In essence, feeding our spirit with the Word of God helps us know God, understand His will, and allows us to live to worship Him through every aspect of our daily lives.

How is that done?

Rom 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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

Col 3:17: "And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Why?

Pro 9:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Do we understand the importance of being anchored to the Word of God, our only pure and secure source of wisdom and knowledge?