

Engaging with God through Worship, Pt. 1

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Introductory Comments

1. Everyone worships
2. We become like what we worship.
3. Genuine worship is God-focused.

Questions

1. How important is worship in your life?
2. What are some of your favorite ways to worship God?

Definition of Worship

Honor paid to God

Word Origin

 wor·ship

/ˈwərSHəp/

Origin

OLD ENGLISH

weorthscipe

ENGLISH

worth
-ship

→ worship

Old English *weorthscipe* 'worthiness, acknowledgment of worth' (see [worth](#), -ship).

Definitions from Oxford Languages

- Worship (n.) – the attribution of the highest worth to God.
- Worship (v.) – to give God the honor he deserves.

Worship as an Experience

A Concept that Defies
Definition



Expanding our Understanding of Worship

1. Worship encompasses heart attitudes.
2. Worship includes actions expressing these attitudes.
3. Worship can be public or private.
4. Worship can involve various rituals and practices.

What Does
the Bible Say?



God is
Worthy!

YOU ARE
Worthy

Worship in Scripture

1. Homage
2. Praise
3. Service
4. Reverence

Worship as Homage

Hebrew *shachah*

Greek *proskuneo*

“to bow down in homage”

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Revised Definition of Worship

Worship, broadly defined, is any attitude, posture, or action that ascribes worth to the Triune God as the one who deserves the highest honor, praise, service, and reverence.

FINAL COMMENTS



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