

SCRIPTURAL WORSHIP

In the New Testament Church



The God Who Deserves Your Worship



- ✦ God is deserving of every bit of honor, glory and praise that we could possibly give Him. (Revelation 4:11; 5:13)
- ✦ We have a natural impulse to honor royalty. (Matthew 2:2; 1 Kings 10)
- ✦ Our challenge is to “Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name” (Psalm 29:2; 96:4-9)
- ✦ Let us be obsessed with glorifying God! (Ephesians 1:12)

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- ✦ “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints...” (Psalm 89:7)
- ✦ It is important to listen to what God wants before we worship Him (Ecclesiastes 5:1)
- ✦ Some worship is not acceptable to God:
 - ***Worship in ignorance*** (Acts 17:23-31)
 - ***Man-made worship*** (Matthew 15:8-9)
 - ***Self-imposed worship*** (Colossians 2:23)
 - ***Self-righteous worship*** (Luke 18:9-14; Isa. 65:1-5)

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God wants us to worship in spirit and in truth!

“...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

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

(John 4:23-24)

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Worship in the Body of Christ

- ✦ Worship involves showing adoration.
 - One word translated worship (proskuneo) literally means “to kiss toward” or “bow in homage”
 - Another word sometimes translated worship (latreuo) primarily means “service.”
- ✦ There is a difference between the service a Christian offers God daily and the worship God has prescribed for the assembly church.
 - NOTE: The term “corporate worship” refers to worship by the assembly, group, or body.

Components of Corporate Worship

- ✦ **YOU!** There can be no worship without worshipers! (Hebrews 10:25)
- ✦ The worship God has prescribed in the assembly of the church involves the following:
 - ***Taking the Lord's supper***
(Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:18-33)
 - ***Singing*** (1 Corinthians 14:15)
 - ***Praying*** (1 Corinthians 14:15, 26; Acts 4:31)
 - ***Preaching/hearing God's word*** (Acts 20:7)
 - ***Giving*** (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Malachi 3:8)

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Keys to Wonderful Worship



Orderliness leads to edification

- ✦ God expects our worship to be carried out “decently and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40).
 - “Decently” is translated from a Greek word (euschemonos) that literally means “a good scheme.”
 - “Order” is translated from a word (taxis) which means “an arranging, arrangement...a fixed succession observing a fixed time...” (*Thayer*).
- ✦ Engaging in multiple items of worship simultaneously or incomprehensible worship doesn’t honor God or edify fellow worshipers (1 Corinthians 14:16-31).

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Don't Try to Improve on God's Plan

- ✦ We cannot improve worship by improving on God's plan (Matthew 15:8-9).
 - God-prescribed *rituals* must be followed! (2 Kings 17:26).
 - But God-prescribed rituals can turn into *ritualism* (Isaiah 1:10-20; Matthew 6:7).

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Try to improve the worshiper – YOU!

✦ **Get yourself right with God.**

(Isaiah 1:13; Psalm 51:7-17)

✦ **Yearn to worship.**

(Psalm 122:1; 42:1-2)

✦ **Participate wholeheartedly**

(Psalm 86:12; 1 Corinthians 14:15;
Colossians 3:16)

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