

Worshipping God

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1. What does God expect from Christians?

Deuteronomy 6:13

¹³ "You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

Deuteronomy 10:20

²⁰ "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.

Luke 4:8

⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

2. How do we serve God?

Joshua 24:14-15

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

3. What exalts mankind? What is the consequence of sin?

Proverbs 14:34

³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Why do we worship God?

1. Glorify God

2. Glory of Christ

3. Honor God

4. Thank God

5. Praise God

6. Exalt God

7. Please God

4. Why do we worship God?

1. Glorify God

Recognize God's Greatness and Power

Recognize God's Splendor

Recognize God's Majesty

Genesis 1:1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 4:11

¹¹ "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

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2. Glory Christ

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

¹ Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,

² but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

4. Why do we worship God?

3. Honor God

Revelation 4:9-11

⁹ And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

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5. Praise God

Expressing thanksgiving and adoration

1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ so that the **proof of your faith**, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in **praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**;

⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls

4. Why do we worship God?

6. Exalt God

To lift up or elevate

Psalm 148:13

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

Acts 5:30-31

³⁰ "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

³¹ "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

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7. Please God

To delight and to love

Luke 2:14

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom **He is pleased.**"

5. What is included in our worshipping God? Why?

Our worship must show our adoration and loyalty to God and is a very humble and reverent action.

His grace in providing us with the way to escape the bondage of sin, so we can have the salvation.

5. What is included in our worshipping God? Why?

James 4:6

⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD,
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

James 4:10

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

5. What is included in our worshipping God? Why?

Psalm 136:6

⁶ To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, For **His lovingkindness is everlasting;**

Proverbs 3:34

³⁴ Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet **He gives grace to the afflicted.**

5. What is included in our worshipping God? Why?

Matthew 23:12

¹² "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

1 Peter 5:5-7

⁵ You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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6. How do we worship God? Why?

John 4:23-24

²³ "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

²⁴ "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

It is a privilege and honor worship God.

7. Who determines the way we worship of God?

God alone has the right to determine how we are to worship Him.

We are not granted the option of directing our own ways in religion.

God is the One who we look to for guidance and direction in our lives.

7. Who determines the way we worship of God?

Jeremiah 10:23

²³ I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

Proverbs 20:24

²⁴ Man's steps are ordained by the LORD,
How then can man understand his way?

8. Where do we instructions on worshipping God?

Our very best in worship is due God and is prescribed by Him in the Bible.

The worshipping God is the only way we can be pleasing to Him in this life and finally attain everlasting life with Him in eternity.

The Christian's worship is of the greatest importance.

8. Where do we instructions on worshipping God?

Elements of Worship

1. The Lord's Supper (Matt. 26: 26-29)
2. Prayer (1 Thess. 5: 17)
3. Preaching and Teaching God's Word (Matt. 28: 19-20, Acts 20:7)
4. Giving (1 Cor. 16: 1-2)
5. Singing (Col 3: 16, Eph. 5: 19)

9. What should our attitude be during worship?

Worship is a time when we pay deep, sincere, awesome respect, love, and fear to the One who created us.

Acts 17:24-25

²⁴ "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

9. What should our attitude be during worship?

God is the One who holds our eternal destiny in His hands.

Our salvation depends on whether our worship is pleasing to God or not.

On the Day of Judgment, it will be too late to make any corrections.

9. What should our attitude be during worship?

Philippians 2:12

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling;**

Our salvation is a very serious matter and will not happen by accident. We must work it out "**with fear and trembling**".

10. What should we reflect on during worship?

Worship should cause us to reflect on the **majesty and graciousness of God and Christ**, contrasted to our own unworthiness. God does not have to have our worship, but we must worship Him to please Him

James 4:8

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

Philippians 2:5-7

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

Our worship honors and magnifies God.

It is for our edification and strength.

Worship helps us develop a God-like and Christ-like character.

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

Hebrews 10:26-27

²⁶ **For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,**

²⁷ but a **terrifying expectation of judgment** and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

Hebrews 10:29-30

²⁹ **How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God**, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰ For we know Him who said, **"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY."** And again, **"THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."**

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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Revelation 2:10

¹⁰ **'Do not fear what you are about to suffer.** Behold, **the devil is about to cast some of you into prison,** so that **you will be tested,** and **you will have tribulation for ten days.** **Be faithful until death,** and **!** **will give you the crown of life.**

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

EXPECTATION

Heb. 10:23-25

He who promised is faithful

RESULT

Heb. 10: 23-25

Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering

Stimulate one another to love and good deeds

Not forsaking our own assembling together

Encouraging *one another*

11. What do we derive from worshipping God?

EXPECTATION

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Heb. 10: 29-30

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RESULT

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Terrifying expectation of judgment

Heb. 10: 29-30

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THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE**

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You will be tested

You will have tribulation for ten days

I will give you the crown of life

12. What is our spiritual service of worship?

We renew our mind as we study and meditate on God's word and worship Him.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.*

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

13. What qualities do we develop when we worship God?

When we worship God we develop such traits as forgiveness, tenderness, justice, righteousness, purity, kindness, and love.

All of this is preparing us for eternal life in heaven with God and Christ.

Colossians 3:1-2

¹ Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

13. What qualities do we develop when we worship God?

2 Peter 1:5-8

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

⁸ For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.