

# Worship Series

## “Spirit and Truth”

Defining the word “worship”

1) The old English word is the “weorthscipe” which was later shortened to “worthship”.

“worthship is still used in British courts where the judge is referred to as “your worthship”

2) The Hebrew word is “shachah”

a) This word means to bow down; to reverence; to prostrate; to beseech humbly.

b) Worship and Praise: Worship involves an attitude of the heart which manifest in a physical response. .

3) The New Testament Greek words translated 50 times in the Bible is “proskyneō”

a) This word literally means “to kiss”. It is means to lavish affection.

b) It is perfectly illustrated in Luke 7:37,38 when the sinful woman washed Jesus’s feet with her tears and then repeatedly kiss them in such an extreme way that the hosts were offended.

**Worship is the voluntary engagement of one’s spirit, soul, and body which lavishes an affection toward God that expresses the value one places on knowing God and being loved by God.**

**To Worship is to place value.** This shameful woman poured out on Jesus the most valuable thing that she owned because she now loved or you can say she now valued Jesus more than anything in her life including all of her life’s savings.

To love God is to place value on Him. Your love for God cannot be separated from your worship.

### Worshiping in Spirit and Truth

Text: John 4:7-11 NIV When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” **11** “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”

v.13-15 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

He confronts her about her husband... she deflects

v.20-24 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” **21** “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the **Spirit and in truth.**”

1) We have been created to worship; it’s in our nature.

a) I don’t know if there is a worship gene in humans, but there is in everyone some kind of capacity or a propensity to worship. we all want to bow down to something

b) In Matthew 4:9-11 Jesus was on his famous 40 day fast when came to tempt him.

Satan offered him all the Kingdoms of the world if he “bow down and worship me” (v. 10) Jesus answered, Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” **11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

i) Satan knew this principle: ***Whatever we worship we eventually end up serving.***

ii) Jesus defeated the Devil in a moment of physical weakness through his devotion to worship God: “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

iii) This incident illustrates a powerful truth that all Christians must learn. ***True Worship brings us victory over the Satan and the work of Satan in our lives.***

iv) In the midst of your greatest temptation or struggle... ***When you find yourself in the Wilderness alone being tormented by the enemy --- WORSHIP!***

(1) Lavish your affection on God!

(2) Stretch out your hands toward him in full surrender...

(3) Bow your knee or get on your face before God and worship Him.

2) Worship must flow from our Holy Spirit experiences.

v. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the **Spirit and in truth.**”

a) One cannot truly value God without the Spirit’s enablement and revelation.

i) Notice when Jesus was engaging the outcast woman at the well, he is speaking to her about spiritual things. In fact, I think Jesus is speaking to her spirit.

(We are spirit, soul, and body. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

He didn’t take away her thirsty craving... He didn’t even say it was wrong... He said I am what you are looking for! I can satisfy the emptiness of your spirit!

Psalm 107:8,9 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, **9** for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

ii) You can see the woman’s progressive revelation from the Spirit.

(1) At first she thinks Jesus is a Jewish Rabbi

(2) Then she gets the revelation that He is a prophet!

(3) Finally, she sees him as Messiah!

b) There are new personal revelations of Jesus that are awaiting you, and they will come from your own Worship Experiences!

i) Learn to lavish your affection upon the Lord

ii) And don’t be selfish with them... bring the village out to see Him.

c) Notice how the Spiritual Revelation of Jesus came to the village:

Jesus is not just a Teacher

Jesus is more than a Prophet

Jesus is the God who satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry hearts with good things!

Worship Him – Lavish your affection on Him!

3) True worship is the ultimate act of submission to truth.

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a) What an amazing fact, God is seeking worshipers!

***To Know God is to Worship Him; To Worship God is to Know Him!***

b) What does it mean to worship God in Truth!

i) I am reminded of this verse: 1 Cor. 14:15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

(1) He says there are times when my spirit man prays and worship and it is so deeply spiritual that it happens beyond my understanding.

(2) He is literally talking about praying and worshiping God in an unknown tongue, a spiritual language.

(a) there is a spirit to spirit worship that is so powerful and significant that it brings strength and encouragement to us.

1 Cor 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

v.4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church...

(b) Then it says I will also pray and worship God with my understanding!

(i) Learning to worship God in Truth is so powerful!

(ii) This is what Jesus did in the wilderness...

(iii) There is something about Worshiping God through The Word. His word is Truth!

Conclusion: There is a revelation of the Spirit that awaits you in each trial of life

When tormented by Satan and/or the work of the enemy Worship will drive him away.

When you don't know what to do, dive into the deep revelation of the truth that you already have.

**There is a victory in Worship ---- God seeks it and Satan Hates it!**