

Christian Worship

The Priority of Worship – Why must we be worshippers?

John 4v23: The Father seeks worshippers.

God's purpose in redemption is with a view to our worship (Exodus).

Matt 4v10: We are saved to worship, before service.

Romans 15v16: Service is the issue of a worshipful heart.

The Nature of Worship – What is worship?

1st Chronicles 16v7-36: Worship is:

- An expression of our thanks to God (v7,8,34,35).
- An appreciation of what divine Persons have done (v8,9,12,24,26).
- An appreciation of what divine Persons are essentially (v10,25,34).
- Giving unto the Lord (v28,29), i.e. giving to God of His own beloved Son.

Worship comes from our hearts and ascends up to God.

Mark 14v3-9: The fragrance of worship; worship is the appreciation of Christ, the overflow of a heart that is filled with Christ.

The Object of Worship – Who do we worship?

We worship divine Persons exclusively.

Israel worshipped the Lord Jehovah (Exodus 34v14).

John 4v21-23: We today worship the Father, i.e. the intimacy of our worship.

But we still worship with the same reverential fear (Ps 5v7, 95v6, 96v9).

The Practice of Worship – How are we to worship?

Rom 12v1: The worshipful sacrifice of our bodies.

Heb 13v15: The worshipful sacrifice of our praise.

Heb 13v16: The worshipful sacrifice of our possessions.

1st Pet 2v5, John 4v24, Phil 3v3: We offer spiritual sacrifices.

Such worship requires spiritual exercise and suitable preparation.

The Place of Worship – Where do we worship?

John 4v20-21, Heb 8v1-2, 9v11: Not on earth, but in the heavenly sanctuary.

The Privilege of Worship – Who are fitted to worship?

1st Pet 2v5: The priesthood of all believers.

Heb 9v13-14, 10v19-22, Rev1v5-6: Based upon Calvary's sacrifice.

Our responsibility is for holy lives (Ps 24v3-4, 1st Cor 3v16-17)

The Effects of Worship - How are we changed by our worship?

Lev 7v8: Wearing the skin of the burnt offering, i.e. displaying Christ to others.

Ezekiel 46v9, Matt 2v11-12: We go out another way, spiritually changed.