

Worship, Part 1: “Overview of Worship”
Various Passages
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 to the worthiness of God in Christ.*

I. What is worship?

“Worship is our response to what we value most” (Louie Giglio).

Isaiah 44:19 = No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, “Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? **Shall I fall down before a block of wood?**”

II. What is Christian worship?

Christian worship is seeing and responding to the worthiness of God in Christ.

John 4:21-24 = Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

A. God-centered

B. Christ-centered

John 14:6 = Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

C. Spirit-enabled

Philippians 3:3 = For we are the circumcision, **who worship by the Spirit of God** and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

III. How should we worship God as Christians?

A. With our hearts

Matthew 15:8-9 = “This people honors me with their lips, but **their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me**, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Philippians 3:8 = Indeed, I count everything as loss because of **the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

B. With our whole lives

Romans 12:1 (NIV) = Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) = Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Matthew 16:24-25 = Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

C. With God’s people

Acts 2:44-47 = And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Life Application

1. Take inventory of your time, affection, energy, money, and thoughts to see what it reveals about what/who you worship.
2. Read and discuss the Bible with someone else so that you/he/she may come to see and respond to the worthiness of God in Christ.
3. Reflect on the following questions:
 - What does “all of life” worship look like for you in your everyday?
 - What do you do to remind yourself to be consciously worshipping God throughout the day?
 - What contexts do you find yourself in where it’s so easy to be selfish or fleshly?
 - What biblical truths can you meditate on to renew your mind and transform your life as you test and approve them?