

Pursuing the Voice of God
Overcoming Hindrances to Worship - “Don’t Be Afraid to Kiss God”
John 4.7-26/ Psalms 95

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Review: Worship Puts You in Position

1. Worship puts you in position to receive from God.
2. Worship puts you in position to hear from God
3. Worship puts you in position to rest in God.

Intro – Today we will address the things that keep us from enjoying the presence of God in preparation for next week’s big celebration of worship as we close the month. Part of what hinders us is just not knowing or understanding. Can we answer the question - What is worship? What is praise?

In many ways praise is a part of worship. We are in a worship experience or service and praise is a part. It is the introduction into worship, like the opening chapter of a book. You have to go through it to get to the book. It makes the book make sense!

Worship (defined) –

1. Shachah - to bow down, to depress, to prostrate oneself, do homage to superior

2 Kings 17:35-36

35 with whom the LORD made a covenant and commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow down yourselves to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them."

2. Cegid - to prostrate oneself Dan. 3.5

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New Testament

1. Latreuoo – to serve for hire Acts 7.42
2. Euseboo – to act pious or religious Acts 17.23
3. Ethelothreeskeia - voluntary, arbitrary worship, Self prescribed worship Col. 2.23
4. Proskuneoo, proskunoo - to kiss (kuneoo) toward (pro), to direct a kiss or prostration toward the being admired. Homage shown to men of superior rank: absolutely, Matt 20:20

1. Where do I worship?

- Worship Him in public.
- Worship Him in private!
- Always worship in the “spirit”!

You have to put your heart into it. The worship that He wants does not come from the head, it comes from the heart.

John 4:24-25 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." NASU

2. Who do I worship?

- Worship the King of the Universe.
- Worship the One who saved you - your Messiah.
- You do not worship people, money or yourself.

Matt 4:10-11

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" NASU

3. Why do I worship?

- I worship because it's a command.
- I worship because it pleases God.
- I worship because I was created to do so!

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Luke 19:39-40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" NASU

4. How do I worship?

- I worship Him with truth about Him.
- I worship with truth about me.
- I worship Him according to His description of Worship.

Ps 95:1-7

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,

Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God

And a great King above all gods,

4 In whose hand are the depths of the Earth,

The peaks of the mountains are His also.

5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it,

And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you would hear His voice. NASU