

Worship

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1. Worship entails a gift we bring to God
2. Worship as calling out to God
3. Worship is something we sent up to God

The Lord made us to seek Him Acts 17:22-29, especially verse 27.

What is worship?

Whom do we worship?

How do we worship?

Romans 1:18ff verse 23 ...*“and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”*

To some worship is based on an emotional experience or architecture

Our English word comes from wordcip means worthy

Revelation 4:11 *“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*

Revelation 5:12 *“saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

At least 18 Biblical words related to “worship”

Mincha	Karab	Eulogo	Karah	Nagash	Timao	Bemizbah
Shokah	Latreuo	Zabah	Kipher	Yireh	Olah	Proskuneo
Doxazo	Aineo					

worship ≠ the assembly

From words above we see four main points.

1. It is an intentional attempt by man.
2. It is a person reaching out to God.
3. It is to connect with God.
4. It is to find favor with God.

It is usually at a particular time and place.

MINCHA a gift, an offering I bring to God a gift
Genesis 4: 3-5 READ “offering”

Micah 6:6-8 READ *“With what shall I come before the LORD”...*

The heart of the person coming to the LORD is necessary, not just a rote act.

Psalm 51:16,17 READ *“a broken and contrite heart”*

He is NOT saying that a physical offering was unnecessary
we sing the song, “Bring Christ your broken life”.

Thus, worship is bringing something to the Lord. When we come to the assembly we may bring our check, our praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude.

Many don’t bring anything, they come to get something. Our getting is often a by-product of worship.

QARAH to call, to call out

Genesis 4:26 *“At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD”.*

How did they call?

Genesis 12:8 Abram *...“And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the Lord.”*

Genesis 21:33 *“Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.”*

Psalm 99:6 *“Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.”*

So, worship is something we decide to do, on purpose

OLAH sending something up to God

Genesis 8: 20, 21 READ a burnt offering goes up to heaven from the altar (Bemizbah)

Did Noah just send burnt offerings or were there likely also gratitude, praise, and admiration?

QATAR used of incense, to offer up in smoke, to send upward

Psalm 141: 1,2 READ

Luke 1: 10 *“the hour of incense”*

11 *“the angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense”*

Revelation 8: 2,3 *“Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne,”...*

Thus, we send something up to the Lord, not just rote words.

It is the spirit of man reaching out to the Spirit of God.

John 4:24 *“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

- note, my quotes are from ESV