



# WORSHIP

## **God Is Seeking True Worshipers**

*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.*

John 4:23

Why is God "seeking" worshipers?

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How are these "true worshipers" described?

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What does it mean to worship in the Spirit and in Truth?

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## **True Worship Is God-Centered**

*For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

Romans 11:36

Everything was made by Him, through Him, and for Him. True worship is initiated by His grace, done in and through His Spirit and truth, and directed toward Him. God is at the center of it all.

## **True Worship Is Spirit-Empowered**

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

John 4:24

Worship is first and foremost an inward reality, and you must have the Spirit of God to worship God rightly.

**True Worship Is Christ-Exalting**

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

John 14:6

*For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.*

Philippians 3:3

True worship is directed toward Jesus, the Truth. The Spirit's job is to lift up Jesus. So, true worship is about exalting Jesus in and through the Spirit's power, all to the glory of God the Father.

**The Heart of True Worship Is Treasuring Jesus**

*I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain... whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

Philippians 1:20-21, 3:7-11

We long for and cherish who or what we worship.

**True Worship Finds Holistic Expression**

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

1 Corinthians 10:31

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

*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 12:1

We praise and serve who or what we worship.

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