

WORSHIP – extravagant respect and admiration for, or devotion to, an object of esteem

PRINCIPLES OF WORSHIP

1. Worship is Knowing, Focusing on, and Responding to God - Isaiah 6:1- ; John 20:28; “worth” ship – ascribing to God His WORTH - Rev. 4:8-11; 5:12-13; Worship is a way of gladly reflecting back to God the radiance of His worth.
2. Worship must be done in spirit and truth – John 4:23-24
3. Worship is reserved for God alone – Matt. 4:10
4. Worship is a Priority – Mark 12:30
5. Worship must be a Desire, and not merely a Duty – ILLUSTRATION: Beth – flowers on anniversary – It’s my duty!
6. Worship involves a holy expectancy -.
7. Worship is expected, both Privately and Publicly – Heb. 10:25
NOTE: New Testament Metaphors – Household, building, body, family – require interaction. Christianity is not an Isolationist religion – believers are to worship God in the presence of other believers
No matter how fulfilling our regular worship celebration seems, there are experiences with God that He gives only in our private worship.
8. Worship is a Discipline to be Cultivated – to worship God through a lifetime requires discipline
9. Worship is both a “Means” and an “End” – it is a means in the sense that leads to godliness. It is an end in the sense that true worship is knowing, focusing on, and responding to God.

WORSHIP THOUGHTS

We are not worshipping if we are not thinking about God – even if you’re singing “Holy, holy, holy!”
Worship includes words and actions, but it goes beyond that to the focus of the heart and mind.
Having the Holy Spirit reside in us does not mean that we always will worship in spirit and in truth, but it does mean we **can**.

To attempt to worship without sincerity is hypocrisy.

We should never stop engaging in the forms of worship even if we don’t have the feelings of worship.
Even our “best” worship is imperfect in some ways.

The quality of your private devotional life doesn’t exempt you.

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There is no way that those who neglect God in private worship can possibly know Him in the public worship.

The ACT of worship without ACTUAL worship is a miserable, hypocritical experience.

If worship wearies you, then at this point, you aren't really worshipping.

We have not worshipped the Lord until spirit touches Spirit.

Worshipping expectantly involves recognizing that we are coming into the glorious, awful, gracious presence of God with anticipation that Christ is present among us, and that He would teach us and touch us with His living power.