

Jesus is Lord of my Worship

- I. **The Philosophy of Worship** – what I mean is the rational investigation of the truths and principles concerning the worship of God.
Like God says to Isaiah... Come let us reason together.

(As a clarification, when I say God, I mean collectively God the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.)

a. We'll start by looking at the definition of Worship

Worship is defined as reverent honor and homage paid to God.

The definition of Honor - high respect for, as for worth, merit, or rank
The definition of Homage - something done or given in acknowledgment or consideration of the worth of another

So...What is worship?

Worship is acknowledging the true worth, merit and rank of God and showing him the proper respect that he deserves because of his worth, merit and rank.

According to God, if you give reverent honor and homage to anything else, that is called what? **Idolatry**. Ex 20:5 I am a jealous God

I believe that we will only truly worship when we have an accurate picture of who God is ... and contrast that to ...an accurate picture of who we are.

b. Contrast: WHO GOD IS – vs – who we are

<u>God</u>	<u>Man</u>
Creator	Creation
God created the heavens and the earth.	We made... a little clay hand print in 1st grade (And we had to use His clay!)
	The things we make get a little bigger and fancier, but we still have to use His stuff.
	“To really make an apple pie from scratch, you must begin by inventing the universe.”
Gen 2:7 God made man from the dust of the	Hebrew Word - aw-fawr Dust , Clay, Dirt, Mud

ground.	
His Name – I AM “I Exist” Hawyaw...Yahweh...Lord Everlasting Father	Our name would be “Temporary” Man would not exist without God
The Alpha and Omega – Beginning and End	Jm 4:14 ... a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
	Is 40:6 All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

c. What is God’s expectation for the relationship between God and Man?

Dt 1: 31...there you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Isaiah 49:15-16 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

d. What is man’s track record?

Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

Psalm 53:2 God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. 3
Everyone has turned away, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Jeremiah 7:23 I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you.

24 But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

e. The Worth, The Merit and The Rank of God

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This demonstrates why God so deserves to be worshipped!

What is the forgiveness of your sins worth to you?

What is it worth to be saved from God's wrath?

You are not your own, you were bought at a price. 1 Cor 6:19

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19

Regarding worth, there is nothing more precious than Jesus

Regarding merit, he has "earned" our adoration even though he didn't have to.

Regarding Rank – he demands to be number 1 in our lives.

f. An Additional Aspect of Worship

I had a very interesting discovery a while back when we first came up with the idea of doing the Jesus is Lord Series and I started studying out Worship.

I went through every place in the NIV Bible where the word Worship was used.

i. Words used for Worship

1. Shachah - (shaw-khaw) (7812) a prim. root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (espec. reflex. in homage to royalty or God):--bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

a. It has to do with posture and attitude of heart

- i. Exodus 33:10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent.

- ii. But also Jacob was being reunited with Esau... Gen 33:3 He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.
- 2. There is another word that kept coming up... that in the NIV was translated “Worship”, but was not translated like that in the KJV... the Hebrew word is...
 - a. Abad – (aw-bad) (5647) a prim. root; to work (in any sense); by impl. to serve, till, enslave, etc; keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, be wrought, worshipper
 - i. Exodus 7:16 Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may (*serve*) me in the desert. But until now you have not listened.
- 3. Even in the New Testament in Greek –
 - a.
 - 3000. latreuo, lat-ryoo'-o; from latris (a hired menial); to minister (to God), i.e. render religious homage:--serve, do the service, worship (-per).
 - 2999. latreia, lat-ri'-ah; from G3000; ministration of God, i.e. worship:--(divine) service.

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (logikos latreia)

ii. **Worshiping God means Serving God**

- 1. Consider what the Israelites were expected to do in their “worship” of God
- g. **A Secret** - To finish out the 1st point about the Philosophy of Worship.
Your worship experience is not about what you get out of it. It is about what God gets out of it.
 If we all could keep that straight we would always have an incredible Worship Experience... individually and collectively.

II. The Components of Worship

Psalm 100:1 A Psalm of praise (towdah). Make a joyful noise (this phrase not in the Hebrew text) unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve (abad) the LORD with *gladness*: come before his presence with *singing*.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with *thanksgiving*, and into his courts with *praise*: be thankful unto him (be thankful), and bless his name (praise).

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

- a. Attitude of Heart
 - i. Humble Posititon – Bow down
 1. Standing
 2. Prostrate
 3. Kneeling
 4. Lift up Holy Hands – Father, I need you to pick me up.
 - ii. Gladness – Not depressing songs, whining, “My life is so miserable”
 - iii. Thanksgiving – being thankful for what God has done for us.
- b. Serving/Sacrifice
 - i. Attitude of “What can I contribute?” – Jeff’s message about everyone using their gifts
 - ii. Are we to bring sacrifices to God under the new covenant?
 1. Your body as a living Sacrifice – Rom 12:1
 - a. No longer offering bulls
 - b. Luke 17 – I am an unworthy servant only doing my duty
 2. Praise
 3. Do good and share with others.
Hb 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
- c. Praise – How do you praise
 - i. Thru Prayer – Prayer is also considered a sacrifice – Rev 5:8
Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
 - ii. Thru Singing
 1. A new song – 9 times – Psalms, Isaiah, Rev
 - a. Jeff Lanius
 - b. Shirley and Sendy Suprina –
 - iii. Dramatic Plays – the play two weeks ago

1. Emiliano Cardona directed it. Phillip Goodchild, Aaron Richardson, Charnelle Richardson, Marcia Richardson, Leonard Burke, Eric Myers, Tyler Perry
 2. Lindsey
 - iv. Videos – Stevan Alvarez,
 - v. Power Points – pictures, T-G Olopade, Destiny Sanders
 - vi. Dance
 - d. Thanksgiving – How do you be thankful?
 - i. Just say, “thank you”
- III. Obstacles to Worship
- a. Attitude of “I Just Don’t Get Anything Out of It” –
 - i. Here are a couple of questions...
 1. What are you putting into it?
 2. What did God think of your performance this morning?
 - a. You are not the critic, God is.
 - b. We’re all in this worship experience together
 - ii. It is more blessed to give than to receive.
 - b. A divided heart
 (2 Ki 17:33 NIV) They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

Is Jesus the Lord of your worship?
 What is He saying to you?

Maybe he is saying, “Hey, I’ve given you some talents that you are not glorifying me with. Repent and start using your gifts I gave you.

Song by Casting Crowns – Who Am I

Who am I?
 That the Lord of all the earth,
 Would care to know my name,
 Would care to feel my hurt.
 Who am I?
 That the bright and morning star,
 Would choose to light the way,
 For my ever wondering heart.

Not because of who I am.
 But because of what you've done.
 Not because of what I've done.
 But because of who you are.

Chorus:
 I am a flower quickly fading,
 Here today and gone tomorrow.
 A wave tossed in the ocean,
 A vapor in the wind.

Still you hear me when I'm calling,
Lord you catch me when I'm falling,
And you've told me who I am.
I am yours.
I am yours.

Who am I?
That the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I?
That the voice that calmed the sea,
Would call out through the rain,
And calm the storm in me.

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Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
'Cuz I am yours.
I am yours.