

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

WORSHIP

The word "worship" comes from the English origin "worth-ship". When you worship, you are declaring, by either word or deed, that someone or something is worth your attention, respect, and adoration.

In Hebrew and Greek, the word "worship" means "to prostrate yourself (bow down)."

WORSHIPING THE WRONG THING (OTHER GODS)

Exodus 34:14 - For God said, "for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is "Jealous" is a jealous God.

1. What was God's warning? _____

2. Since the word "jealous" means "provoked", how does God feel about Idolatry (worshiping something else instead of Him or in addition to)?

Deuteronomy 8:19 - Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them ..., you will surely perish.

3. ___Yes ___No If you serve and worship other things (gods), is that The same as forgetting God?
4. ___Yes ___No Do you get the impression from this verse that there are many ways to worship the wrong things?
5. ___Yes ___No Is a person who worships the wrong things going to get away with it?

Deuteronomy 30:17 - But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you will surely Perish (you shall not prolong your days in the Land which you entered.

6. What words in the verse describe a person who worships incorrectly?
 - a. But if your heart _____.
 - b. So that you do not _____.
 - c. And you are _____.

Psalms 81:8-10 -

O Israel, if you will listen to Me! There shall be no foreign gods among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god. I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt;

7. Yes No Did a foreign god or some idol deliver them and bring them out of the land of Egypt?
8. Explain to me why someone would worship something other than God when God is the One who cares, provides, and protects us?
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9. Yes No Can we assume that other gods in our present society could be sexual misconduct, drug usage, addictions of any kind, following some false religion?

Daniel 3:28 - King Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "The God of Israel has delivered His servants who chose not to serve nor worship any god EXCEPT THEIR OWN GOD".

10. Yes No Were you raised that there was a God in heaven who created the world & died for your sins?
11. Yes No Even if you and your family were not religious, did you not think that there was a God to be honored?
12. Yes No Could a person grow up and think that his god could be a marijuana plant?
13. Yes No Did you ever think your personal god was a sex organ?
14. Yes No Does it make sense to worship a person who heads up a religion, or a church that claims to be the true one?

WOULDN'T WE WANT TO WORSHIP OR SERVE OR HONOR THE GOD WE KNOW?

YES, WE WOULD - BUT BUT BUT, THE DEVIL WANTS TO RUIN OUR WORSHIP.

Check out these verses.

1 Samuel 15:24 -

King Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned for I disobeyed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now, Therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me that I may worship the Lord.

Matthew 4:9 -

Satan said to Jesus, "All these kingdoms of the world I will give you if You fall down and worship me."

Matthew 15:9 -

Jesus said, "Hypocrites! The prophet Isaiah spoke right about you, saying - These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me."

John 4:19-20

The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I think that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the only place where we are to worship.

Acts 18:13 -

The Jewish leadership rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat, saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

15. Match the statement with the verse. Use the verses more than once.

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| a. | 1 Sam. 15:24 | ___ | Your worship must be done by you. |
| b. | Matt. 4:9 | ___ | People make their rules for worship. |
| c. | Matt. 15:9 | ___ | We must do it the same way. |
| d. | John 4:19-20 | ___ | The place of worship is important. |
| e. | Acts 18:13 | ___ | People can sound religious only. |
| | | ___ | Satan wants to destroy our worship. |
| | | ___ | A non-believer cannot worship God. |
| | | ___ | People can fake their worship. |
| | | ___ | Listen to men, not God. |

SUMMARY OF FALSE WORSHIP

1. *If you are not worshiping God only, it is false worship.*
2. *If you are just mouthing your religion, it's false worship.*
3. *If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, it's false worship.*
4. *If you are not worshiping yourself, it's false worship.*
5. *If you are locked into a ceremonial worship system in a church & your heart is not in it, it's false worship.*

WORSHIPING THE RIGHT THING (THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY)

Matthew 2:1-2 - Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been Born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to Worship Him."

Acts 8:27-28 - And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the Queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

Psalm 66:4 - All the earth shall worship You, Lord, and sing praises to You.

6. The wise men were not Jews. They were foreigners. They came all the way to Jerusalem to do what? _____
7. The Ethiopian Official was not a Jew. He was a foreigner. This man came all the way to Jerusalem to do what? _____
8. All mankind will eventually _____

TRUTH #1 GOD HAS CREATED ALL MANKIND WITH A INNER NEED TO WORSHIP SOMETHING. IF A MAN DOES NOT WORSHIP THE RIGHT PERSON, THEN HE WILL TURN TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE TO FILL THAT NEED.

TRUTH #2 ONLY SOMEONE WHO BELONGS TO THE FAMILY OF GOD (ACCEPTED CHRIST AS SAVIOR FROM SIN) CAN ENJOY TRUE WORSHIP.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in our image, in our likeness."

John 4:24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Acts 17:23

(paraphrase) You cannot worship a God you do not know.

9. Are you a born-again believer in Jesus Christ? ___Yes ___No

TRUTH #3 TRUE WORSHIP IS TELLING GOD THAT YOU ARE PLACING HIM ABOVE EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE.

Psalm 99:5

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

10. Have you specifically told the Lord that no matter what is going on in Your life, He is the most important? ___Yes ___No

TRUTH #4 TRUE WORSHIP IS TELLING THE LORD THAT HE IS ALL POWERFUL AND GREAT.

1 Chronicles 16:29-30 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him all the earth.

11. God wants to know that despite the evil & fears all around you, you have confidence in Him. Have you told Him that you are afraid but that you know He is tightly holding on to you. ___Yes ___No

TRUTH #5 TRUE WORSHIP IS YOUR WILLINGNESS TO KNEEL IN YOUR HEART EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD & PRIDEFUL BEFORE GOD & THEN ACKNOWLEDGE HE IS YOUR CREATOR.

Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and his sheep.

12. Have you told the Lord that you have stubbornly tried to run your own Life, and that it just has not worked out? ___Yes ___No

13. Despite all your frailties, failures, and deficiencies, have you told the Lord what a great job He did creating you? ___Yes ___No

14. Have you told the Lord that you have worked so hard on your outward appearance and public image, but that you know now that He is using His power to build your character - and that you are OK with that? ___Yes ___No

TRUTH #6 TRUE WORSHIP IS KNOWING THAT YOUR ONLY HOPE IS IN THE LORD, AND THEN TELLING HIM SO.

Acts 24:15

Paul said to Governor Felix, "I have hope in God."

15. Yes No Though you feel hopeless at times, do you tell the Lord that He is your hope in this life, and your only Hope throughout eternity.
16. Yes No Do you ever tell God that you expect great things for the days ahead, and you have confidence in Him?

TRUTH #7 TRUE WORSHIP IS REALIZING THAT YOU ARE NOT ALWAYS HAPPY ABOUT LIFE, AND THEN ASKING GOD TO CONTINUE FILLING YOU WITH THE JOY THAT COMES FROM JESUS.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the people set apart for God, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh (my self effort)..

17. Yes No Happiness and joy are not the same thing. Happiness comes and goes depending on what is going on around me; joy is put there by God and does not leave.

TRUTH #8 TRUE WORSHIP IS BEING THANKFUL AND THEN TELLING GOD YOU ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE GOOD THINGS HE IS DOING IN YOUR LIFE.

Deuteronomy 26:11

So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house ...

Romans 8:28

AND WE KNOW that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

18. Yes No Do you believe that God only gives you good things?
19. Yes No Since this world is doomed under the sentence of sin, and we live in that world, is it safe to assume that not all bad things that happen to us are from God?
20. Yes No If the word "good" means "the right thing for me in the wisdom of God", and God can only do and allow His perfect plan in our lives, could you say in your Heart to Him, "I will rejoice in the good things"?
21. Yes No Notice the words "AND WE KNOW in the verse. Do you think that deep down in our hearts, God put a quiet confidence that God knows what He is doing?

TRUTH #9

TRUE WORSHIP IS TELLING GOD THAT HE IS ALL KNOWING, THAT HE KNOWS THE END FROM THE BEGINNING, AND THEN ASKING HIM FOR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE.

Joshua 5:14

Joshua said to the Commander of the army of the Lord as he fell on his face to the Ground, "What does my Lord say to His servant"?

22. Yes No To worship is to tell God He is worth it. When you ask His help for direction, you are telling Him He is worth your trust. When God gets involved in your life, and you agree to it, that is worship.

TRUTH #10

TRUE WORSHIP IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE MERCY OF GOD. YOU TELL GOD YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF HIS LOVE, TIME, OR BLESSINGS; ALL YOU ARE & WHAT YOU HAVE COMES FROM AN ALL-POWERFUL JUDGE FULL OF MERCY.

Psalms 5:7

But as for me, I will come into Your house (Your presence) surrounded by an Infinite amount of Your mercy; in fear (reverence) of You, I will worship toward Your holy temple (I am allowed a face-to-face meeting with You).

23. Yes No Do you like this definition of "mercy" - "A holy God NOT giving you what you really deserve as a sinner"?

TRUTH #11

TRUE WORSHIP IS YOU TALKING TO GOD WHENEVER YOU WANT - PRAYING & ASKING HIM WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART, AND THANKING HIM EVEN WHEN YOU DO NOT WANT TO - SHARING, ACHING, CRYING, THANKING.

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, Which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and mind through Jesus Christ.

TRUTH #12

TRUE WORSHIP IS TELLING GOD THAT ALL OF YOUR LIFE IS HIS - YOU SACRIFICE IT ALL.

2 Kings 17:36

But to the Lord Who brought you out of Egypt, you will worship Him and offer Him your sacrifices.

GIVING YOUR TIME, MONEY, HABITS, SINGING, (EVERYTHING) TO GOD IS WORSHIP. TALKING TO HIM IS WORSHIP. TRUSTING HIM IS WORSHIP.