

WORSHIP

What Is Worship?

Worship- - drawing our attention....

-Definition- -

Our Response to:

1. Who ...
2. What ...

-Very simply put (Jr High def) - ...

In XA, we have many backgrounds, denominations and traditions - therefore many worship styles. This can be a beautiful thing, but we need a biblical foundation to start from:

Why Do We Worship?

1.) **God is ...**

Remember: 1- *Read Isa 6:1-3*

2- *Read Rev 5:9-10*

2.) **The Bible _____ to Worship God**

Read 1 Peter 2:9 Psalm 100:4

-He knows ...

-He created us -He saved us.....

3.) **God Promises ...** *Read Psalms 22:3*

-There is a difference between:

1. The _____ of God *Jer 23:24*
2. His _____ Presence *2 Chron 5:13-14*

How Should We Worship?

1.) **Important Distinction Between Inner/Outer Worship:**

Read John 4:23-24

Questions -

1. What does it mean to worship in spirit?
2. What does it mean to worship in truth?
3. Where does true worship begin?

2.) **But True Worship will always...**

NOTES

-C.S. Lewis - *"All enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise. Praise is not simply the expression of enjoyment, but rather it is the completion of enjoyment. Praise is enjoyment's appointed consummation. **The delight is incomplete until it is expressed!**"*

-examples-...

Questions -

1. Do you agree with Lewis that we instinctively want to express what we enjoy?
2. Why do we want to show others the pictures from our vacations and trips?

3.) "What are some fitting expressions of Worship to God?"

We must look to the Bible, not just our culture, tradition, and history for appropriate models and expressions of worship.

Biblical Examples of Expressions of Worship:

A. Responding to God with our Mouths:

1. _____ - Ps 46:10
2. _____ - Ps 71:8
3. _____ -
 1. something Familiar - Ps 69:30
 2. something Brand New- Ps 98:1
4. _____ - Ps 66:1

B. Responding to God with Actions:

1. _____ - Ps 95:6
2. _____ - Ps 63:4
3. _____ - Ps 47:1
4. _____ - Ps 149:3

C. Responding to God with Instruments - Ps 150

Questions-

1. Can you think of any additional biblical, or proper "expressions" of worship?
2. Which of these expressions are you most comfortable with? Why?
3. Are there any listed here that you are uncomfortable with? Why?

The Decision To Worship (Conclusion)

-Obviously the Bible gives a wide variance in appropriate expressions of worship, **the most important thing for**

us is that we ...

*John 4:23 - "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are **the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.***

God is looking for ...

Ps 147:1 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!