

# WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Introduction Session Two: Why God is so Central in Worship

Scripture and Memory Verse: *John 4:24*

## Introduction

God's commandments reveal His [character](#), who He is. We must [know](#) Him so we can [obey](#) Him and live. As we obey Him, God is glorified before a [watching](#) world in and through His people.<sup>1</sup> God has given us His commands in Scripture so we might exercise our faith according to His [authority](#) and we might experience Him more personally. When we worship in spirit and truth, we know it. When we worship in spirit and truth, others notice. When we worship in spirit and truth, God notices. God must be central in our worship.

## Knowing God's Standards

God is [righteous](#). Throughout Scripture we see God is the One who reveals truth to His worshippers. It is God who gives faith to believe His truths. It is God who gave the Bible, The [Authoritative](#) Source. God has done these great things so that His worshippers may have an intimate love relationship with Him. Look at the commandments in simple order *Exodus 20:1-17*:

1. You shall have no other [gods](#) before me. *Who is to be first? (Matthew 6:33)*
2. You shall not make [idols](#). *Can you have something more worthy than God?*
3. You shall not take the [name](#) of the LORD your God in vain. *Can you OMG freely?*
4. Remember the [Sabbath](#) day, to keep it holy. *Do you have a time of rest? (Mark 2:27)*
5. Honor your [father](#) and your [mother](#). *Do you honor your parents? (Ephesians 6:2,3)*
6. You shall not [murder](#). *Life is precious to God. He is the Creator and Giver of life.*
7. You shall not commit [adultery](#). *God commands His people to be holy in marriage.*
8. You shall not [steal](#). *God's plan- do not take what is not yours.*
9. You shall not bear [false](#) witness against your neighbor. *God commands us to watch our speech. (Psalm 34:13; Matthew 12:33-37)*
10. You shall not [covet](#). *God wants worshippers keeping their heart close to His.*

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<sup>1</sup> Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.35

## Key Point

Everything in our life and worship depends on His name being holy in us. That is, His [character](#) and nature will not be violated, or changed, or altered, by the way we speak, or behave, or act. Think of the following ways in which His name is so vital:

- We are [called](#) by His name (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- We [gather](#) in His name (Matthew 18:20)
- We [pray](#) in His name (John 14:13-14)
- We [live](#) by faith in His name (Acts 3:16)
- We [proclaim](#) His name (Exodus 9:16)
- We are [baptized](#) in His name (Matthew 28:19)
- We put our [hope](#) in His name (Matthew 12:21)

Peter stated clearly, “[Salvation](#) is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).<sup>2</sup>

## Scripture Truth

Holy God must be the Center of our worship. We must remain in Him.

*(John 15:1-11) I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit]. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you]. <sup>4</sup> Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken off] branch and withers and dies; and they gather such branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified and honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples. <sup>9</sup> I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me; remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you]. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments and obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing.<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>2</sup> Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.45

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passages/?search=john+15&version=AMP>