

WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Week Four: The lifestyle of a transformed worshiper

Scripture and Memory Verse: *2 Corinthians 3:18*

This Week's Questions to Answer

Each day this week you will encounter a question to answer or a statement to meditate on. Take time to read the passage of Scripture that relates to the question. Work on your memory verse each week. Make life-application of the things God reveals to you. Be diligent in your studies. We will look at five ideas this week.

1. Worship and the common person. *John 4:4-26*
2. Worship in the home. *Acts 10:1-48; 16:15-36*
3. Worship in the workplace. *Luke 5:1-10*
4. Worship in National life. *Exodus 19 and 20*
5. Worship in spiritual leadership. *Acts 20:17-38*

Key Point

Worship is when one comes face-to-face with God. That place immediately becomes holy ground for God is present, as happened with Moses in *Exodus 3:4-6*. Throughout the Bible the place of personal worship could occur anywhere.

Truth is, God takes ordinary, common people – where they are – and brings them into a life-changing encounter with Himself, enabling them to worship “in spirit and in truth.”¹

Quote of the Week

“When the heart turns to meet God and all the senses are focused on Him, worship is real and transforming.”

Reference Point

From our study – Most of the encounters with God throughout Scriptures took place in the workplace, or marketplace. This is obviously a choice God makes. The process, or way of God, for such a worship encounter with God has the following elements:

1. God takes the initiative to come to His people in their workplace and invites them to respond to His presence.
2. There is then a clear face-to-face encounter with God, where God makes known His activity or purpose in their lives.
3. God communicates truth, usually accompanied by a clear command or direction.
4. The person in His presence makes a choice to obey God's command.

¹ Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.73, 77

5. God does a work that reveals Himself to the person, that he or she is never the same again.
6. The worshiper continues in this personal relationship with God and completes His purposes (transformation) in and through the individual (usually some aspect of redemption).

One of the clearest New Testament witnesses to this process in worship in the workplace is Peter (and with him, James and John), in *Luke 5:1-11*.

Activity

Look back over our previous lessons and look at your weekly schedule. Is there room for more focused time to worship God weekly? Make a list of ways you may increase your worship of God. Spend time counting your blessings and thank God for each one. He is worthy, He is waiting. _____

Scriptures to research this week.

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-8; 26:24-25; 28:10-22; Exodus 3:4-6; Exodus 19:3-20; 20; 32:25; 33:7-10; 34:8-10; Joshua 5:13-15; 2 Chronicles 7:3; 15; 20; Ezra 9:10;; Nehemiah 9:10; Proverbs 14:34; Isaiah 6:1-9; Jeremiah 4:9; 5:30-31; Ezekiel 44:15-23; Daniel 9; Amos 7:14-16; Malachi 2:7,8; 3:2-4;

New Testament

Matthew 1:18-25; 26:6-13 Luke 1:26-38; 5:1-11; John 4:4-26; 12:7,8; Acts 2; 4; 9:36-42; 10:1-48; 16:15-36; 20:17-38; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 5:1,2; 2 Timothy 1:5; 4:19; Revelation 1:9-11

Pray

Father, You made me and You saved me. How can I ever thank You enough? I desire to worship You everywhere I go. Help me as I grow in my walk with You. As I read Your Holy Word, I want to be more like You. Thank You for saving common, ordinary people. Thank You for saving me. I love You. Blessed be Your name – In Jesus name, Amen!