

WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Introduction Session Four: The lifestyle of a transformed worshiper

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

Introduction

The transformed Christian life is a [victorious](#) life of worship. God is the object of our worship. He alone is worthy of worship (*1 Chronicles 16:25; Psalm 96:4-5*). Worshipping God means crediting to Him the absolute [worth](#) that He alone deserves. He is our Creator (*Acts 17:28; James 1:17; Revelation 4:11*), Redeemer (*Colossians 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3*), and Lord (*Psalm 22:27*). The Father and the Son receive worship (*Matthew 14:33; 28:17; Luke 7:16*); the holy angels worship God and refuse to be worshipped themselves (*Revelation 19:10; 22:9*).¹

A biblical concept of worship involves praising God and giving Him glory with our lips and our lives, with our words and our deeds, with our physical bodies and our spiritual hearts. Worship that pleases God is [authentic](#), offered with clean hands and a pure heart (*Psalm 24:3-4; Isaiah 66:2*).

Knowing God's Standards

If God knows your intention is to worship Him with every part of your being, God will be smelling the incense of your holy [intention](#) even if the world for a time claims your legitimate interest. We can attain to this by cooperating with God. On God's side is love, grace, atonement, promises, the Holy Ghost; on our side is determination, seeking, yielding, believing. And our [hearts](#) then become sanctuaries where a continuous, unbroken fellowship of communion and worship is rising to God all the time. Even when you are embroiled in earthly activities, at the same time your whole life can be a fragrant altar of worship that pleases God.²

Key Point

Someone has pointed out that worship is a [verb](#) and that whenever it is mentioned in Scripture it is found in the context of action. True worship in the heart will always find a corresponding outward expression. Love that is not expressed is not love. Love must be

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/worship-in-the-Bible.html>

² A.W. Tozer *Tozer on Worship and Entertainment*

given away. In *John 12*, Mary expressed her love for Christ in worship as she anointed Him with her expensive gift. In our study the following is mentioned:

1. What Mary did [revealed](#) what was in her heart.
2. Mary's act was one of deep and honest [humility](#).
3. Mary's act was the expression of [great](#) sacrifice.
4. Mary's worship had an [affect](#) on her and on others.
5. Mary's worship [pleased](#) God.

Mary carried the fragrance of her worship with her for days to come. It was on her hands it was in her hair; it was everywhere she went – the aroma of worship! She had made the sacrifice of worship, and she carried the result of that sacrifice with her. But she was not the only one affected by what she had done. Everyone in the house that day was touched by the aroma of Mary's worship. The fragrance of her offering was an [unmistakable](#) testimony to her love for Jesus. Not everyone is going to respond positively, as was the case with Judas, but those around us will be affected one way or another by the life and witness of a true worshipers.³

Scripture and Truth

Christians understand they are to be worshipers [seven](#) days a week. We were created to worship God and bring Him glory. He commands our love and our devotion. When worship is expressed in our limited yet inspired way, God is honored. When our lives are transformed, we will worship Him in spirit and truth. True worship is the acknowledgment of God and all His power and glory in [everything](#) we do everyday of the week.

Together let us read *Psalms 95*:

O come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with songs. For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it [by His command]; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker [in reverent praise and prayer]. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts *and* become spiritually dull as at Meribah [the place of strife], and as at Massah [the place of testing] in the wilderness, "When your fathers tested Me, they tried Me, even though they had seen My work [of miracles]. "For forty years I was grieved *and* disgusted with that generation, and I said, 'They are a people who err in their heart, and they do not acknowledge or regard My ways.' "Therefore I swore [an oath] in My wrath, 'they absolutely shall not enter My rest [the land of promise].'"

³ WBEG - Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.75