

WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Week Four: Heaven's pattern for worship

Scripture and Memory Verse: *Revelation 4:11*

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 glory of God.
2. Worship and the authority of God.
3. The eternity of God and how it affects us.
4. Worship and the activity of God in history.
5. Why is my response so important to God?

Key Point

God will not share His glory with anyone. "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another (*Isaiah 42:8*). In our worship, there should always be the consciousness that we are worshipping a holy, awesome, powerful God, who at any time, might choose to reveal Himself in a special manifestation of His glory.

Quote of the Week

"Worship is the adoring response of the creature to the infinite majesty of God. While it presupposes submission to Him, to worship, in the highest sense, is not supplication for needs, or even thanksgiving for blessings, but the occupation of the soul with God Himself...The end of it all is the pure joy of magnifying the One who alone is worthy." Robert E. Coleman¹

Reference Point

From our study – The loudest hallelujahs (praise the Lord), the greatest crescendos of praise and adoration are reserved for the activity of God in redemption. They are worshipping a lamb, the Lamb of redemption. That same God who created all things, who flung those 100 billion galaxies into space is the same God who came to earth, hung on a cross, and died for you and me. The greatest tragedy of all is when those who claim to worship God have lost the wonder and awe of the God of redemption.

¹ Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.93,94

When we gather to worship, we are worshipping the God of creation. When we gather to worship, we are worshipping the God of redemption. How often, however, have we sung of the awesomeness of God in His redemptive activity without being so moved in our inner being that we had to cry out, as did David, in declaring the magnitude of the God we worship?

O God, how great You are! Forgive us for worshipping a lesser God than You are.²

Activity

Read Psalm 139:13-14. Reflect on the fact that Holy, Creator God took the time to make you just as you are. He thought of you in detail. He loves you. What does this mean to you personally? Do you find it praiseworthy that God thinks about you? Write a prayer of thanksgiving to Him. _____

Scriptures to research this week.

Old Testament

Exodus 3:14; 24:17; Deuteronomy 4:24; 33:27; 1 Kings 18:38; 1 Chronicles 16:28,29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; 7:1-14; Psalms 16:11; 19:1-2; 51:12; 90:1-4; 95:3-7; 47:2; 51:12; 57:15; 95:3-7; 96:8,9; 103:12; 111:10; 139:13-14; 146:5-10; Isaiah 6; 9:6; 42:8; 53:1; Jeremiah 31:34; Ezekiel 18:30-32

New Testament

Matthew 25:46; John 3:15; 4:14; 6:68; 10:28; 12:37-41; 14:9-15; 16:28; 17:3-5; Romans 1:20; 6:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 5:17; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 10:25; 12:29; 1 Peter 5:5; 1 John 5:11-13; 13:8; Revelation 4:4-20; 5:6-14

Prayer

Father, You and only You are worthy of my praise. With my whole being, I desire to worship You. Help me in my weakness. Help me when I falter. I declare today, You are Holy, Holy, Holy and Worthy to be praised, for You are my Redeemer! In Jesus name, Amen!

² Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.107