

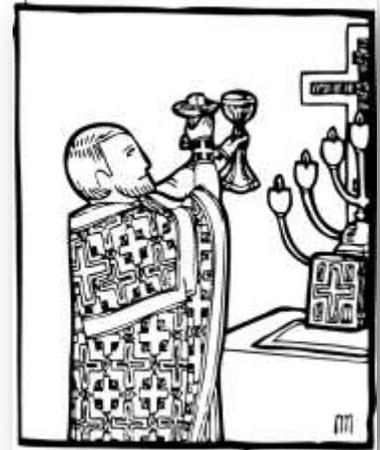
Introduction to Holy Worship – Part 1

What is worship?

Question: What words come to mind when we think of worship?

Please write down at least 3 words that you associate with worship ...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Merriam-Webster:

2: reverence offered to a _____ or supernatural power; *also* : an act of expressing such reverence

3: a form of religious practice with its _____ and _____

4: extravagant respect or admiration for or _____ to an object of esteem, e.g., “*worship* of the dollar”

Origin of the English word worship: worthiness, respect, reverence paid to a divine being,

literally: _____

Related Words:

adore, deify, glorify, revere, reverence, venerate

Purpose of Worship

Original Purpose of Man (Adam & Eve) – to Fulfill 3 Vocations

1. _____: To Speak the Will of God to all Creation, e.g., naming the animals (Cf Gen 2:19-20), leading Eve to holiness and worship (Cf Gen 2:21-24 & 3:17), and refuting the Serpent (Cf Gen 3:17)

2. _____: To Offer Creation (all its divisions) back to the Creator in Thanksgiving
(Cf Gen 2:3; natural state of Adam & Eve)

To Reunite the Following Divisions Brought About by Creation:

1. Created and uncreated
2. Intelligible and sensible
3. Heaven and earth
4. Paradise and universe
5. Male and female

3. _____: To Rule over Creation with Love and Wisdom (cf Gen 1:28 – *Be fruitful and multiply ...*)

How Are We to Worship?



Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Motive (the ‘Why’): _____

Essence (the ‘_____’): present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice

_____ (the ‘How’): acceptable to God

Initial Result (the ‘Outcome’): spiritual _____ of _____

Negative Prerequisite

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(‘Don’t Do This’): do not be conformed (lit: _____; patterned) to this world

Positive Prerequisite

(‘Must Do This’): be transformed by the renewing of your mind (*nous*)

Final Outcome: so you may prove what the _____ of _____ is -
good/acceptable/perfect

Covenantal context for Worship

Introductory Principles

1. A covenant with God is _____ required for Him to accept human worship.
2. Worship offered to God outside of his stated covenantal commandments is _____ . (Cf Lev 10:1-2)
3. Covenants have both _____ and _____ signs and requirements.
 - a. Examples of external signs: sacraments, rituals, liturgical patterns, ritual purity, etc.
 - b. Examples of internal signs: purity of heart, holiness of soul, etc
4. Some covenants are _____ between God and man, some are _____.
 - a. Example of mutual covenants: _____, Abrahamic, Mosaic, and _____
 - b. Example of one-sided covenants: _____ (Hint: there’s a boat involved.)
5. God shows _____ love, mercy, and blessings to all humanity _____ a covenant, but his _____ blessings only come _____ a covenant. (Cf Matt 5:45; general – and – 2 Cor 3:6; Heb 8:6-9; 9:15ff)

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