

First Church of God

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Sermon Notes

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“What Is Worship?”
Revelation 5:8

Introduction:

The English word “worship” was originally translated “worthship.” We worship that which is “worthy”. Only God is “worthy” of our worship.

“Jesus said...It is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.”

Matthew 4:10b

“The entire message of the Gospels is related to this attitude. I think the emphasis can be condensed into a single phrase: **What we worship determines what we become.** If we worship material possessions, we tend to grow more materialistic. If we worship self, we become more selfish still. That is why Christ continually endeavored to direct men’s worship.”

—Harvey F. Ammerman

I. Ingredients To Worship.

A. **Reverence** “Oh, worship the **Lord** in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.”

1) Worship is first and foremost and encounter with the **living** and **Holy** God.

“Do not come any closer, “God said,
“Take off your sandals, for the place
where you are standing is holy
ground. – **Exodus 3:5**

2) **Submission** “Therefore humble
yourselves under the mighty hand of
God that **He** may exalt you in due
time.” **I Peter 5:6**

B. Genuine worship results in **submission
and obedience** and to Jesus.

3). **Exaltation** “Therefore by Him let us
continually offer their **sacrifice of praise**
to God, that, the fruit of our lips, giving
thanks to His name.”

Point: True **sacrifice of praise** is
offered when your **heart** is in relationship
with God and audibly with “*the fruit of
our lips, giving thanks to His name.*”

II. OBSERVATIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

A) The legitimacy of worship is measured
by one’s **relationship** to God.
“Therefore, I urge you, brother in view of
God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies** as
living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to
God – which is your spiritual worship.” –
Romans 12:1

B) Worship occurs when God is its **focus**.

C) No single worship **expression** is lifted
up in Scriptures.

D) We should emphasize the **unity** we have in
Jesus Christ. **John 17:23** “I in them, and you
in Me; that they may be made perfect in one,
and that the world may know that You have
sent me and have love them as You have
loved Me.”

“The Bible doesn’t tell us ‘how’ to worship but
exhorts us to worship with our hearts, hands,
voice, and minds.” -**Elmer Towns**

Genesis 2:2-3 — “God rested from all His work.”

Point:
Worship and Music go hand in hand. – **Psalm
81:1-3; Psalm 150**

III. Questions about worship

- A). Do we seek to benefit from the bi-product
of worship?
- B) Are we more concerned with “How do I feel
about this?”
- C) Is our worship leadership effective?
- D) What motivates us?

The answer is two-fold:

IV. The Answer is Two-fold:

- A) **Education** – What the Bible Teaches us
about Worship.
- B) **Inspiration** – How the Holy Spirit speaks
and moves us in worship

V. Keys to Worship Renewal

- A) Seek to become a **vibrant and
experienced** worshipper.
- B) Seek to understand “other” **styles** of
worship.
- C). **Study** worship in the Bible.
- D) Develop a **personal, lifestyle** of worship.
- E). Think **right** about God.
 - a. Who God is
 - b. What God has done.....

Conclusion:

Remember ...

**What you worship determines what you
become in life.**

**I pray you choose to worship the Lord Jesus
First and Always!**