

Biblical Worship: The Multi-faceted Diamond of Spirit and Truth

True worship is an authentically human and yet divinely initiated Spirit-filled response to God. Worship has gratitude in its heart, renewal in its mind, compassion in its eyes, blessing on its lips, justice in its hands, humility in its knees, and mission in its feet. We will explore this diamond in depth, and how to live it out in our congregations and our lives.

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I. Definition of Worship

A. Four Definitions

1. David G. Peterson
2. N.T. Wright
3. My own personal definition
4. Summary

II. Worship as Sacrifice

A. Four Examples

1. Abraham on Mt. Moriah
2. King David on Mt. Moriah
3. Jim Elliott’s Quote
4. Summary

III. Worship as “All of Life Pursuit”

A. Four Key Quotes

1. Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1
2. Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:8
3. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
4. Oswald Chambers

IV. Worship as “All-Out Gratitude”

A. Four Thoughts

1. Mary of Bethany in John 12:1-11
2. Quote from Linda Wells, founder of Dancelink
3. Quote from a New Life Missionary

V. Worship as “Spiritual Warfare”

A. Five Key Scriptures

1. Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20
2. Job 13:15
3. Isaiah 61:3
4. 2 Timothy 1:7
5. Matthew 4:1-10
 - a. Jesus and Satan fight it out in the wilderness
 - b. Proskuneo (Worship)
 - c. Latreia (Serve)

VI. The Four-fold Pattern of Worship in Acts and the N.T. Church

A. Service of Entrance

- B. Service of the Word
 - C. Service of the Table
 - D. Service of Benediction
- VII. The Heart of God revealed in Worship
- A. Isaiah 6:1-8
 - B. Acts 1:8
 - C. Ephesians 5:18-12
 - D. Colossians 3:16-17
- VIII. Worship is the Impetus of Mission
- A. Three Key Thoughts
 - 1. John Piper
 - 2. Psalm 67
 - 3. Personal Thoughts
- IX. Summary

Suggested Readings:

[*Worship Matters: Leading Others to Encounter the Greatness of God, Bob Kauflin*](#)
[*Engaging with God: A Biblical Theology of Worship, David G Peterson*](#)