Worship

 Level 4 Lesson 20

* **Introduction**

Sometimes it is hard to grasp the real meaning of some Biblical terms. Worship is one of those terms. Let’s “search the scriptures” and find out what God has to say about Worship.

* **Lesson**

*John 4:20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

*John 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

*John 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

*John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

*John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

God loves worship from His people. In fact, worship announces to yourself, to the world, and to God himself, that you adore and honor the Great and only God. One must humble himself to be able to truly worship God. We do not automatically worship God. We have to bring our flesh under subjection, which is one of the most difficult tasks of mankind. To truly worship God, we must bring our spirit into harmony with His Spirit. When we are full of the Spirit of God, we will be able to freely worship the Lord.

But, verse 24 states that we must worship in spirit and truth. Truth is what

motivates us to worship God. Truth reveals His all-powerful nature. The Word is

truth. When we couple the Spirit with the Word, we will be worshippers, and a

worshipper is pleasing to the Lord.

*1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit*.

In the Old Testament, the people of God had commandments, rituals, feasts, and many religious times that they were required to worship God. In the New Testament we do not have to have our worship regulated. It will come out of us, if He is in us. So, if we are finding ourselves struggling to worship, we then know that we need to get our spirit under subjection to His Holy Spirit.

*1Chr 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

*Psa 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

*Psa 96:9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.*

God is worthy of all worship. The scriptures quite clearly reveal this fact. Worship is due Him. We owe it to Him. A worshipper is beautiful and holy, for if you worship Him, you are not worshipping anything else. That is true holiness.

*Psa 45:11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.*

These verses give us a beautiful picture of a worshipper.

*Psa 5:7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.*

*Psa 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.*

*Psa 66:4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.*

*Psa 86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*

*Isa 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.*

We may not want to worship Him, but these verses are very clear that all flesh **will** worship the one true God. We will be much better off to worship Him willingly.

*Phil 2:9* [*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-9/)

*Phil 2:10* [*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-10/)

*Phil 2:11* [*And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-11/)

*Psa 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.*

*Psa 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.*

*Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

What!!?? He created all things for His pleasure!!!! We must be pleasing to the Lord! We do not want to be one of those that will be the last to bow.

 *Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

*Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

There are many ways to worship God. We must honor Him, sing to Him, dance for Him, praise Him (yes, praise is worship), brag about Him, pray to Him, bow down to Him, bring an offering to Him, and bring ourselves as a sacrifice. When we truly trust Him in a scary situation, we are really worshipping our God.

* **Activity**

Write a short story about the King of Egypt. You are the king and one of your subjects will not worship you. Tell us why they deserve being thrown into the dungeon. Then share your stories with one another.

When you are finished, contemplate the fact that we are subjects to the one true King. I wonder what the story would be if He wrote a story about our lack of worship? Maybe we could jot down a little outline of things He could say about us. It might not be fun to share these notes, but it would be good for us to work on a plan to really learn to Worship the One True God!