

The True Nature Of Worship...

For most of my Christian life (since 12 years old), I have misunderstood the true nature of worship. I have looked at it like it was my purpose and obligation to God, because He is my creator. I was made to worship, and when I don't, I'm not pleasing God. I often didn't worship God, because I tend to see it as a vague and often useless responsibility. What value was it to help my life on earth?

The only use I saw in it was appeasing God. I worshiped out of fear or duty, knowing it is expected. I worshiped because I should, after all God is God. I worshiped so that God would not be angry at me, or curse me...**More**

Worship is what human beings do to recognize how great God is. The underlying implication is that our worship is something God required and desired of us *for His own purposes*. God required our worship much like we might see someone demanding that we acknowledge their authority over us. We might see worship as our *sign of surrender* to someone superior to us. When we look at worship from a human point of view, we see God somehow using it over us, or receiving it from us as acknowledgement of His Lordship.

This idea, or persuasion, motivating worship is all wrong. If we see worship as something we must do, should do as in a duty, obligation, or responsibility, **we are missing the real purpose of it**. If we think that our worship is us giving God something, and God is receiving, or taking in, or somehow feeding off of it--we are way off again. **God doesn't need our worship**, He doesn't need our praise! In fact, God doesn't need our love, adoration, and appreciation. **God doesn't need anything--He is God.**

Worship is not us giving, it is us receiving!