

Worship The God You Need!-gm

Do Not Worship False Gods!

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When we worship God, we are doing what we need to do. We need to see Him in His glory. We need to see Him as our God. We need to see Him fitting, fixing, and fulfilling all of our needs (Eph. 3:20). Often our worship of God has been *disconnected to our life's situations and circumstances*. **It has been as if our worship of God was for His benefit, not ours.**

God doesn't need our worship anymore than God needs our love. In fact, God doesn't need. God is by nature the supplier, provider, and giver. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give rather than to receive."

Our human nature thinks that receiving is better; this is because we are needy beings. We need and crave; we desire and have emptiness in our souls that need filling. We need to eat, drink, sleep, relate, and commune; we need entertainment, to love and be loved. We do, however, from time to time, find ourselves in a position of *giving to others*. Some of us have had great blessing in being able to supply, give, and meet the needs of loved ones.

When we worship God, we have often thought that we were givers rather than receivers. We might imagine that God is somehow satisfied and fulfilled by our sincere worship. This is not true, as if He were taking in and feeding upon our adorations. God is blessed by our worship **because** when we do it with the right motives and a whole heart, we are blessed! We are seeing God, and when we see God, we are **seeing the truth!** This is the truth that sets us free (John 8:28)! This is the truth, that as we **abide in worship** of God, God's glory is released into our lives to set us free!

When we worship and *don't make the connection*, that it is for our benefit, it becomes a chore, an obligation, and an effort to appease God. We think possibly, that because we don't worship enough, that

God is disappointed with us. Maybe we think that God sees us as ungrateful, because we just don't realize how great God is. Maybe we have worshipped because of God's wrath and judgment. If we worship God, *then*, He won't be against us. **Since we fear God, we worship to appease and to avoid His wrath. Our fear is justified of course, knowing that God is awesome, high, and lifted up, as the final judge of all!**

Ps 5:7 But as for me, I will come into Your house **in the multitude of Your mercy**; **In fear of You** I will worship toward Your holy temple.

And,

Ps 95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; **Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

What Worship Was

Under the Old Covenant, our relationship with God was based *upon the fall from grace*. We were under the law's judgments, and coming to God *based on mercy and pity*. Since Jesus has been glorified and raised from the dead; he paid for all our sin, and took away the handwriting that was against us (Col. 2:13, 14). We were servants and slaves in relationship to God, based upon *regulations and rules*. Now, in Christ Jesus, we have been translated from the kingdom of darkness (ignorance, self rule and pride), to the kingdom of His dear son (Col. 1:13). Our worship is not based on mercy and pity; **it is based upon the Spirit and truth!** We were once outsiders, but now we are brought near.

We don't worship from afar, but in the *very presence of God*. We have access to the grace of God twenty-four seven. We have entered into a new kingdom with new rules of engagement. These rules of engagement *are based solely on grace*. Jesus is the grace of God to us. The more we see Jesus, the more we see God. The more we see God, the more we worship.

All of that is well and good; however, **if we don't connect that God is being God to us for our benefit**, we are going to miss a lot! We'll lose heart in our worship, because we see no real benefit for it. It will become, as it has, a duty, obligation, and appeasement.

What Worship Was Meant To Be, And Since Christ, Has Been!

Jesus taught this:

John 4:23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, **when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 "God is Spirit, **and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**"

The Father seeks such to worship Him! What does He seek? He seeks us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The Spirit has been given to us through our salvation in Jesus, and the truth is that God is the supplier, giver, and source always. God is blessed when we receive. He wants us to receive the truth and abide in it! When we live to the truth, we are *living in worship of God*. The truth is that God is everything we will ever need, and far more. God is Almighty, All-knowing, and everywhere present. God is, was, and will always be! God is what our souls long for, and we are bored in life until our soul rests in Him.

Worship is the acknowledging, recognizing, and praising who God is to us! Whatever we need, if we'll worship God in it, describing the attributes of God to meet it, we'll see His glory! God is glorified when we worship God *according to our needs!* We need love and God is love! We need security and God is the greatest security. We need peace and God gave us the Prince of peace.

What We Worship Comes To Us!

If we focus on the problem what is the result? Fear, worry, and anxiety fill our hearts. If we focus on who God is to us, believing that what we

acknowledge, recognize, and praise about God to fit, fix, and fulfill our need, will come to us.

Philemon 1: 6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the **acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.**

When we worship with purpose, we'll be set free and want to worship more! When we worship, we are *abiding in the truth* and the truth will set us free. Jesus is the truth; God is our truth and when we focus on Him, we are carried!

John 8: 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If **you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.**
32 **"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

Worshipping The Wrong Source?

When we worship *false gods*, we are bringing to us disappointments. There are no gods beside our God (Ex. 20:3)! When we exalt another being, or elevate a human being, we are worshipping something *that cannot meet our needs*. We are binding our hearts to a *sinking ship*, so to speak.

The worship of idols opens our hearts to *demonic activities*: which are lies, deceptions, and manipulations (Rev. 9:20). Our hearts will be controlled by a false god, a lying spirit, and an evil presence.

We have a created need to worship; that *is to seek and to see one greater than ourselves*. We are created to see divinity, and when someone presents an *image of divinity*, people will worship. Worship is seeking to be ***dependent, looking for leadership, and trusting in someone else's answers***. Hitler presented himself as a savior with a divine calling. He transferred that calling into his personal possession of superiority, and people swooned. He plotted to take control, and seizing power, became like a god to the German people.

God is not threatened by any god we make, but He is *jealous for our benefit* knowing that only His presence, power, and truth will ever satisfy us. We were made to be dependent upon, look to His leadership, and trust in His answers. God is the answer our heart's look and long for. **Worship is our key to unlock the divine door of benefits in our life.**

When we refuse to worship, we are casting away our *channel of blessing*. When we refuse to worship His word, His attributes, His character, and His intervention into our life, **we are the ones that suffer**. We were made to seek, see, find, and respond to God's divine love, grace, and being. When we refuse to worship, we are *hardening our hearts* to the truth, and preventing the revelation of God to us from happening.

What Is True Worship?

Certainly, it is seeing the Lord! It is seeing the Lord High and lifted up in us! Worship is fellowshipping with the Spirit, and living in God's grace. Worship is acknowledging, and asserting the true nature and character of God! Worship is recognizing that God has worked the miracle of Christ into our being. Worship is joining in oneness with God. It is standing in the truth: that we have been made new creations in Christ Jesus, and stand in God's peace forever. As we take in, believe, stand on, and assert the full grace of God within our hearts, we are worshipping!

Worship brings God's presence and joy into our life. It brings His peace. It brings His word and His will into our life! Worship therefore, according to the needs of our life! Take full advantage of our new found divine relationship of righteousness given to us through the blood of Jesus. Worship in full worthiness of the gift of life. Worship God to every need we have. Find the Word of promise towards it; acknowledge that our God is that kind of God to us now! Expect, believe, and exercise faith in His grace; accepting everything that is good that is in us in Christ Jesus. **Worship activates, releases, and authorizes God's power into our situations and circumstances.**

True worship is true union, abandoned fears for love; it is total engagement with God's divine life. It is joy unspeakable and sometimes indescribable love; it is full of His glory. The joy, the fullness of being filled, of complete giving of oneself to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; this is worship and it surpasses all understanding.

It is beyond any physical high available through drinking, drugs, or life experiences. It is joy like a fountain overflowing and spewing up from within. Rivers of living waters manifest within our inner being as we enter worship with a purpose. **That purpose is to glorify God and see it meeting our needs and the needs around us.** This is our God; a God that has **intervened to the most possible and powerful way—through His very own Son** (Heb. 7:25). There is no limit to our God; therefore, worship Him according to whatever need we have, and then watch Him work. Amen.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,