

Oh Let Us Come and Worship the Lord (Part 4)
The Purpose of Worship
(Psalms 100:3)

Introduction: Effective and true worship begins with a hunger for God! The whole idea of our true worship of God is; to humble ourselves (bowing down), before our creator. To serve, honor, fear and adore Him. To appreciate His infinite worth! (Gen. 24:26, 27; Ex. 4:31; 12:27; Ps. 95:6; Mt. 2:2; 28:9; Rev. 4:10; 5:14; 11:16)

Our true worship of God is something joy filled and to be done to the enjoyment of God Himself! (Ps. 89:15-16; 98:4-6; Lk. 1:46, 47; 1 Pe. 1:8) Our true Worship of God is both an attitude in which a person lives and an exercise he/she carries out! Today, I want us to focus our attention on the purpose for our worship because, in order for us to get a good handle on our true worship of God we must start with understanding...

I. The goal of our worship:

- A. What is the true purpose of our worship?**
- B. The purpose of our worship is to know God more deeply.**
- C. The purpose of our worship is to know God by experience.**

Did you know, this cycle will continue through-out eternity. We get to spend all of eternity worshipping Him and therefore knowing Him more, and more, and more.

II. The God of our worship

- A. In order to worship God correctly, we have to worship the right God.**
- B. Worship is not a buffet line where we get to choose which version of God we want to worship.**
- C. We must worship God as He is based on His Word.**
 - 1. This is why a clear understanding of scripture leads to a more worthy and true worship of God.**
 - 2. This is also why the truth of scripture plays such a key role in our appropriate worship of God. (Jn. 4:24; 16:13, 14)**

- 3. This is why Jesus said we must worship God as “Spirit and Father.” (Jn. 4:24)**
 - a. Spirit is the nature of God –**
 - God is Spirit, therefore He is invisible – (Isa. 40:18 - 26)**
 - God is Spirit therefore He cannot be confined to a place – (Jer. 23:23, 24)**
 - b. Father is the relationship of God to Jesus and His children – (Jn. 14:6; 3:16).**
- 4. As God reveals more of His person and work to us through scripture, (Rev. 1:12-17)**

III. The gain of our worship:

- A. The closer we get to God the more we will experience Him.**
(Ps. 103: 1-5; 104:1-4, 35; Rev. 4:8-11; 5:9-14; Ps. 33:1- 19; 99:1-5; Rom. 11:33- 36; Eph. 3:14-21; Jude 24, 25).
- B. The more we experience Him the better we will know Him and the more we will trust Him.**
- C. The better we know Him, the more we will love Him. The more we love Him, the quicker we will obey Him.**
- D. The better we know Him, the more our worship will be enriched with unspeakable gratitude toward Him! (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15)**
- E. When we are consistently loving, trusting, and obeying God, we will begin to experience the fulfillment, joy, and purpose that only following Him can bring.**

Conclusion: This is the purpose of our worship; to know God, to experience Him, trust Him, Love Him, obey Him and enjoy our relationship with Him to the fullest! If this is your desire today (and I pray it is) we should all be praying, “Dear God, I want to experience You more fully each and every day of my life. As I worship You, help me to trust, obey, and experience You more and more. Show me any areas of sin in my life that are keeping me from fully experiencing You. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.”