

LESSON 18

WORSHIP

Memorize:

*"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together."
(Psalm 34:3)*

INTRODUCTION

God has placed in all of mankind the desire and the need for worship. This is evidenced by many kinds of worship, even in remote places among so-called primitive people with little or no education. It expresses itself as the desire to communicate with some higher power than the human race. God desires for His creation to worship Him and has given us instruction on worship in the Bible. All of history shows that we have in many ways misdirected our worship to things created and not to the Creator to whom only true worship is due.

WHY WE WORSHIP

1. **God is our Creator.**

"For by Him were all things _____, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible..." (Colossians 1:16)

2. **God is merciful.**

According to **Psalm 106:1**, God's mercy _____ and according to **1 Peter 1:3**, His mercy is _____.

3. Praise Him because of His mighty _____ and His excellent _____.
(Psalm 150:2)

4. God is what three things in the time of trouble? **(Psalm 46:1)**
_____ and _____ and _____

5. Give two more reasons why we should praise the Lord. (*Psalm 107:8*)
_____ and _____

6. What has He done for us that He is worthy of praise? (*1 Peter 2:9*)

HOW WE WORSHIP

1. In the Old Testament the Israelites were required to offer daily sacrifices to God. What kind of sacrifice does God want today? (*Hebrews 13:15*)

Sacrifice of _____

2. How often should we praise the Lord? (*Psalm 34:1-3; Hebrews 13:15*)

3. Who should praise the Lord? (*Psalm 150:6*) _____

4. What do we use in our worship to God? (*Psalm 63:3-4*)?

Our _____ and _____.

5. List five different ways in which we can praise the Lord? (*Psalm 47:1, 95:1-2*)

_____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____

6. What does God receive from our worship? (*Psalm 149:1-5*) _____

7. How do true worshippers worship God? (*John 4:23-24*)

8. Is Jesus offended by loud, emotional praise? (*Luke 19:37*) _____

9. Is it proper to dance before the Lord in worship? (*Psalm 149:3*) _____

10. What happened to Michal, David's wife, for despising his worship?

(*2 Samuel 6:14-23*) _____

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP?

1. **God's presence is brought to us.**

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest _____."
(*Psalm 22:3*)

2. **Depressions are lifted.**

Isaiah 61:3 says we can exchange the spirit of heaviness when we put on the _____ of _____.

3. **Victories can be won.**

When Jehoshaphat went out to battle, he sent forth the praisers before the armies of Judah. What happened? (Read *2 Chronicles 20*. Note verse *22*.)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP OTHER THINGS?

1. What happened to those who worshipped the creature more than the Creator? (*Romans 1:24-25*) _____

2. What happens when we turn aside and worship things other than God? (*Deuteronomy 11:16-17*) _____

SUMMARY

Worship is an expression of love, honor, and affection to our God who sacrificed Himself for us. Worship is refreshing because it gets our attention off of ourselves and on Him. We know that the presence of God is drawn to us when we praise Him, because the Bible tells us that God inhabits our praises. Worship should never become routine, but should be fresh every time you offer it to God. When offered with a sincere heart, you will always get a warm and exciting response from Him.

NOTES: QUESTIONS/COMMENTS