

# How Should We Worship?

We shall be judged by the Word of God (John 12:48).

“Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and

of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God” (Revelation 22:8-9).

Man is a worshiping creature. Without command from the Bible, the history of man has been that of worship. He has bowed himself down to different objects made by his own hand. Without authority from God, regardless of where men dwell, they worship some one or some thing. In order to worship God acceptably, we must do that which God has prescribed in His word. God has taught you and me the proper object of worship and the proper way and manner in which to render our homage. Everyone that worships does not worship the right object. Everyone that worships the right object does not necessarily worship in the right spirit or in the right way. The combination of object and spirit must be present in order for man to worship God. The writer of Revelation would have us know that the right object of worship is God alone. Men have worshiped angels and other lesser beings, but the Bible prescribes that we worship God. That should settle the matter in the mind of honest people. However, what do we do in worship?

Some folks count beads as part of their worship. Others will throw their new born babies into the river to appease the gods of wrath that have enacted punishment upon them. Neither one of these acts are approved unto God as “true worship.” A long list of other things that men do to pass off as worship could also be given. There’s the god of fashion, of recreation, of sports and hunting, of mammon, and the list continues. All of these are “gods” that people worship, but these are in contrast with the God of the Bible.

Worship must be in spirit and truth. Truth is as the Bible commands it. Jesus said, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Since the word of God is truth and God cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18), then we need the Bible to see what God accepts as worship.

In Acts 2:42 we read, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” The apostles’ doctrine means the things which the apostles taught. That which the apostles taught is further enumerated by the rest of the verse. The apostles taught “breaking of bread” as an activity of worship to God. The Lord’s supper was partaken of on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). The people were taught to give as they had been prospered (1 Corinthians 16:2). Notice that people were no longer commanded to tithe, but to give as they had prospered. For other pertinent facts on giving see 2 Corinthians 8-9.

The apostles taught that prayer was an activity of worship. Paul commanded, “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This should be an attitude of every Christian. Jesus taught that men should pray and not faint (Luke 18:1). We are commanded to sing and make melody in our hearts unto God (Ephesians 5:19). Have you and I worshipped God? What does it take to constitute and act of worship which meets God’s approval? The activity must be directed to God, the right object; second, it must be done in spirit, which means prompted by the right motive and third, the activity must be in truth or according to God’s word, which is the Truth. How should we worship?

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever.  
Amen.  
Jude 1:24-25

**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** ...when **we** can!

**Bible Study:** Consider your study of God’s Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**). Make time to learn Scripture that may apply to your life today...

**NMCCH:** For pick up Wednesday, October 7, collecting canned pears and pancake syrup.

— THANK YOU for reading!