

Thou Shalt Worship the Lord Your God

John 4:19-24

Introduction

- A. God has placed within man the need to worship
- B. This is why we observe that in every civilization man has had objects of worship
- C. Those objects of worship were not always the right object
- D. But they still worshiped
- E. Thus, let us study the aspect of the worship of God

I. Plowing some Passages

A. John 4:19-24

- 1. We find the correct object of worship - God who is a Spirit
- 2. We find the correct attitude of worship - Worship in spirit
- 3. We find the foundation for correct action in worship - Truth

B. Psalm 95:6-7

- 1. We find in this verse the correct object of our worship - Jehovah
- 2. We find in this verse the correct attitude of worship - prostrating ourselves before God
- 3. We find in these verses the foundation for the correct action in worship - hearing His voice

II. What Is Worship

- A. Literally the greek word (proskuneo) means "kissing toward one in reverence."
- B. "To adore or pay divine honors to as deity; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration, as, to *worship* God" (*Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary*)
- C. Taken from the old English word – Worthship
- D. It is by our words and actions telling God that He is worthy of our praise and adoration
- E. In the New Testament, those sole actions in which the Christian engages so as to specifically show reverence, obeisance, and honor directly unto God the Father, His Son Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit

III. The Object Of Worship Is NOT Ourselves

A. Some view worship as Pop Psychology

- 1. They see worship as an opportunity for self-help
- 2. They say that worship is just for me
- 3. Many today comfort themselves with thoughts of guardian angels and such thinking that God takes care of them this way

4. Colossians 2:18

B. Some view worship as a form of personal entertainment

- 1. They see worship as an opportunity for self-satisfaction
- 2. They want to be distracted and entertained
- 3. Have you noticed recently what the "big churches" are offering in worship today?

4. Psalm 96:9

- 5. Holy worship is worship that is sanctified and set apart for the express object of God
 - a. It involves holiness.
 - b. Holiness is beautiful before God - NOT BEFORE MAN!
 - c. It involves fear

C. Some view worship as a form of self expression

- 1. They see worship as a form of self-fulfillment
- 2. They want to express themselves with their talents
- 3. How can you worship when you are concerned about giving a performance?

4. I would rather be a most dull and boring preacher who worships God than someone who is interesting to listen to but causes in the minds of those who listen to think that they are being entertained
5. Isn't this the Naaman mentality? "I thought that he would do some great thing."
6. God does not need us to express ourselves in worship
 - a. God is not worshipped in men's temples
 - b. God is not worshipped with men's hands
 - c. Should we not simply worship God as he wants us to worship Him?
7. Remember the definition of worship
 - a. To what are we giving reverence?
 - b. To what are we giving allegiance?
 - c. To what are we honoring?
 - d. To what are we doing obeisance?

IV. The Object Of Worship Is NOT Our Fellow Man

- A. Some actually exalt and worship men falsely
 1. **2 Thessalonians 2:4**
 2. Why some would think they can get away with this, I do not know
 3. Even the apostles understood that they were not objects of worship
 4. **Acts 10:25-26**
 5. If there were any mere man who would ever have been an object of worship, would it not have been these men?
 6. Yet there are some today (one in particular) who believes that He is greater than the apostles and allows men to worship him
- B. Some view worship as a big social club thinking that they make the rules and regulations thereof
 1. They convene great bodies of people to vote on what and who leads in worship
 2. They add or take away anything they want to worship
 3. This is exactly what the Pharisees tried to do
 4. **Matthew 15:9**
- C. Some view worship as merely a way to help others with earthly problems
 1. These believe in the "social gospel"
 2. The Salvation Army is a proponent of this type of religion
 3. If you solve all of man's physical needs, then he will worship God correctly
 4. **Psalm 69:29-34**
 5. Worship is NOT simply a way to help others with their earthly problems

V. The Object Of Worship Is God

- A. He is deserving of worship because he is holy
 1. **Psalm 99:5**
 2. **Psalm 99:9**
 3. **Revelation 4:10**
 4. We worship God simply because He is WORTHY of worship
- B. Nothing else is deserving of worship
 1. **Matthew 4:10**
 2. **Revelation 15:4**
- C. Not even angels are worthy of worship
 1. **Revelation 22:8-9**
- D. Hear the words of King Nebuchadnezzar - **Daniel 3:28**
- E. Read Poem "Worship God"

Conclusion

- A. Who are you worshipping today
- B. Do you need to begin worshipping the true God today
- C. Let us all give God the glory and honor due Him
- D. Invitation