



THE WHO, WHY AND WHAT OF WORSHIP

Reading: **Psalm 95: 1 - 7**

Introduction

- Word **'worship'** used 198 times and the word **'praise'** 314 times in the Bible.
- Worship means an expression of reverence and adoration for God.
- Alternative words for worship would be, **'honouring, exalting, venerating, praise or glorify.'**
- First mention of the word **'worship'** is in [Genesis 22:5]
- Worship comes from the old English word **'worth ship'** or ascribing **'worth'** to someone.

I. WHO Or WHAT Should We Worship?

- [Matthew 4:10] **"worship the Lord your God and HIM ONLY..."**
- Not other people [Acts 10:25/26]. Not angels [Revelation 22:8/9]
- Not nature (sun or moon) [Romans 1:25].
- There is only ONE God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. [Isaiah 44:6] and [Isaiah 45:22].
- Because Jesus is God manifested in flesh He both received and accepted worship.

3 Did People Worship Jesus?

- The wise men: [Matthew 2:11]
- The leper: [Matthew 8:2]

- The disciples in the boat. [Matthew 14:32/33].
- The women after the resurrection. [Matthew 28:9].
- The blind man who Jesus made to see again [John 9:38].

3 Why Do We Worship God?

- We were made/created to worship God. [Psalm 150:6]
- This is one of our purposes in life. So many miss it.
- We worship God because of who He is. (The eternal God).
- We worship Him because of what He has done. (feeds us, gives us breath, saves us, adopted us etc)
- Right now in heaven tens of thousands of angels are worshipping the Lord. [Revelation 5:11/12].

4 Desiring What Is Exclusively God's.

- Consider [Isaiah 14] and [Ezekiel 28].
- Lucifer led the worship in heaven and then he desired the worship for himself.
- He was banished from heaven and still desires today what is rightfully God's.
- In [Matthew 4:9] Satan offered to give Jesus all the kingdom's of the world if Jesus would bow down and worship him.
- Jesus replied, ***"it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and HIM ONLY...."***

Question: Are we fulfilling our destiny and giving God alone what is rightfully His?

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