



THE EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP

Reading: Psalm 95:1 - 7

Introduction

- What is the chief end of man? Man's chief aim is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism.)
- Worship is not about us, its about God. Its not about what we want but rather what He wants.
- Its about reverencing, adoring, honouring, exalting and venerating and glorifying God. [Psalm 95:6].
- We were made to worship. Its our destiny.

1 The Origin Of True Worship [John 4:23/24].

If there are true worshippers then there must be false worshippers too. There is worship God refuses to accept. [Matthew 15:8 - 9].
Worship is something that is born in the heart.
What ways is biblical worship expressed?

2 By SINGING

- [Psalm 33:3], [Psalm 40:3], [Psalm 95:1], [Psalm 149:1].
- Singing is an obvious way to express what's in the heart.
- Jesus sang. [Matthew 26:30].
- Israel sang on the other side of the Red Sea. [Exodus 15].
- Paul and Silas sang in prison [Acts 16:25].
- In [Revelation 5:12] the angels sing in heaven.

3 By STANDING

- Worship includes, prayer, praise and worship.
- [2 Chronicles 20:5/13]. The people stood to pray.
- Standing shows respect for one in authority. (The court rises when the judge enters.)
- In [Nehemiah 8:5] the people stood for the reading of God's Word.

4 By BOWING Or KNEELING

- Consider [Daniel 6:10] and [Psalm 95:6].
- We bow before the King of kings.

5 By LIFTING Our HANDS To The Lord

- [Psalm 63:4], [Psalm 134:2], [Lamentations 3:41].
- This signifies '**surrender**' to God.

6 By STRETCHING OUT Our HANDS To The Lord

- Consider [Psalm 88:9] and [Psalm 143:6]. The '**receiving**' posture.
- It says, '**I want you... I need You... Come to me.**'
- Worship is a connection between the One who is worshipped and the worshipper.

7 A Spiritual Worshiping Priesthood

- Consider [1 Peter 2:5].
- We are a holy priesthood tasked with offering up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ.
- We come as believer priests bringing our worship to our great high priest who takes our offering and brings it to God.

*Come and praise Him, royal priesthood,
Come and worship, holy nation.
Worship Jesus, our Redeemer.
He is precious, King of glory.*

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