

In Him, For Him, Through Him... It Starts with Worship – Part 1

Statements about Worship:

- We were created for worship, we all worship something or someone, even if that someone is ourselves.**
- To worship simply means to give priority and deference to.**
- Either you, someone, or something else in your life is going to have and keep your attention.**
- Whatever holds your attention, your devotion, your priorities, and your commitments, that is the object of your worship.**

*“He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. **He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.** From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. **For in him we live and move and exist.** As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”*
Acts 17:24-28 (NLT)

- God does not need anything.**
- Although we were created for worship, God does not need our worship!**

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Acts 17:24-25a (NLT)

- We need to worship more than God needs our worship.**
- “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. **For in him we live and move and exist.**”*
Acts 17:27-28a (NLT)

*Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. **He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.**”*
Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

Don’t waste your breath!

What should our worship look like?

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

- Worship is a continual meaning. It is a lifestyle, not a song.**

And each morning and evening they stood before the Lord to sing songs of thanks and praise to him.
1 Chronicles 23:30 (NLT)

*Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; **thank God no matter what happens.** This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (MSG)

- Worship is not based on feelings or situations.**

*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, **yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!** The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. (For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.)*
Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT)

- Our worship must be audible and practical.**
- Someone said: Thanksgiving and praise are inner health made audible!**
- The root of praise is an understanding of salvation.**

***But with shouts of praise, I will offer a sacrifice to you, my LORD.** I will keep my promise, because you are the one with power to save. The LORD commanded the fish to vomit up Jonah on the shore. And it did.*
Jonah 2:9-10 (CEV)

*Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. **Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.** That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.*
Hebrews 9:13-15 (NLT)