

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

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GOD IS SEEKING WORSHIPERS

God the Father is seeking those who will worship Him and that *this worship must be in **spirit** and in **truth***. **John 4:19-24**

Since God the Father is seeking worship, it is therefore a vital part of the Christian life but man has rebelled to the call of worship from the beginning.

Cain decided that worship of God was not that important and could be done outside the will of God. **Genesis 4:3**

Abel knew that he must worship according to the requirement laid down by God. **verse 4**

Cain became so angry that he murdered his brother when God paid no attention to his act of worship. Cain was determined to rebel even when God told him to make it right. **verses 5-8**

STRANGE FIRE

God specified exactly how He wanted to be worshipped but Nadab and Abihu decided to do it in a different way. They despised God's decree and were intent on worshiping Him in their rebellious way whether He liked it or not. **Leviticus 10:1**

This angered God and He killed them on the spot; Aaron and his family were told they could not even mourn their deaths. **verses 2-6**

ANGER

Moses knew full well that God was very particular and that all worship and interaction had to be done in the right protocol. Any departure from these requirements would result in punishment.

Moses became so enraged one day with the incessant complaining of the people that he let his emotion take control and ignored God's instruction. **Numbers 20:1-11**

God did not kill Moses, but he forfeited the great honor of entering the Promised Land. **verse 12; Deuteronomy 34:1-5**

OBEY GOD AND PROSPER

Jesus told us in His prayer for the disciples that they were to pray for the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, we would do well to find out how God is worshiped in heaven. **Luke 11:1-2**



- ❖ Acknowledge that God is holy. **Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11**
- ❖ God is worshipped day and night in heaven. **Revelation 7:9-17**
- ❖ No one in heaven begrudgingly worships God. **Revelation 11:15-17**
- ❖ There are testimonies and rejoicing in heaven. **Revelation 12:10-12**
- ❖ There is singing in heaven. **Revelation 14:1-3; 15:1-4**
- ❖ There is going to be a great time of worship at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. **Revelation 19:1-9**

TRUE WORSHIP

1. *Obedience* is the first mandatory step in worshipping God. There can be no worship that is acceptable to God without obedience. **1 Samuel 15:22-23; John 14:15; 15:1-7**
2. *Singing* is the second step in worshipping God. **2 Chronicles 29:25-30; Psalms 68:25; 95:6-7**
3. *Praying* is the third step in worshipping God. **Daniel 9:1-23**
4. *Tithing* is the fourth step in worshipping God. **Malachi 3:6-12**
5. *Reading the Word of God* is the fifth step in worshipping God. **Nehemiah 8:1-6**

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

- ❖ How much do you worship the Lord during the week?
- ❖ How much should we worship the Lord when we come together?
- ❖ Are we in church to please God or people?

The only things we can give to God are obedience and singing. Prayer is supplication for ourselves and others. Tithing pays for God's work on earth which will benefit people and reading the Bible is our spiritual food.

- ❖ Should we tell God that we don't feel like worshipping Him?
- ❖ Should we tell God that we need to structure the service in such a way that it appeals to the desires of people?
- ❖ Is it the Holy Spirit who convicts and saves people or is it our programs that save them?

The bottom line is this: **Are we catering to God or have we become a seeker friendly church?**

If God doesn't show up in a church service it will be a dead meeting. Therefore, let's kick the Devil in the face by giving God the worship that is worthy of Him.

“Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”

(Psalms 150:1-6)

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?