

## Worship

### John 4:20-24

John MacArthur has said that worship is the ultimate priority of the Church. How we understand God and worship Him defines who we are as His people. Worship is about God. It is not a means of getting something from God but rather giving ourselves to Him. Rick Warren has said that worship brings pleasure to God. We are blessed by worship only because God is pleased with our worship of Him.

### I. What is worship.

English word comes from the Anglo-Saxon word - "worth". It means one worthy of reverence and honor. (Rev. 5:12-14)

The meaning of the worship is connected to His Glory. God is glorified when He is seen and understood. When we see God for who He is, we reverence and honor Him.

Hebrew word means to bow down or to prostrate oneself. It has to do with attitude of both mind and body. It is adoration and submission.

Greek 1. "Kiss the hand toward one". Token of reverence. - John 4:20-24

2. "Ministry or Service". - Romans 12:1-2

Worship defies definition, but it can be experienced.

**Terms** ( That help us describe worship)

1. Mystery
2. Celebration
3. Life
4. Communication
5. Giving

### II. Elements of a worship service.

1. Reading of Scripture - Acts 2:42
2. Prayers- Dedication of Tabernacle and Temple - Acts 2
3. The people amen's - Neh. 8:6; 1 Cor 14:16
4. Sermon or exposition of Scripture - Neh. 8:8
5. Exhortation - Heb 10:21-25
6. Music - Eph. 5:18-ff; 2 Chron. 5:11-ff; Praise
7. Offering - 1 Cor. 16:1; Ps 96:8

8. Doxologies - Romans 11:33-36 Praise in word and scripture
9. Open confession - Romans 10:9-10; Matt. 1032; Neh 9; Acts 19:18; James 5:16
10. Ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism
11. Characterized by orderliness and discipline - 1 Cor. 14:40

### III. Attitudes in worship.

1. Adoration and Praise - Heb. 13:15
2. Thanksgiving- - Eph. 5:20 Ps 100:4
3. Humility and repentance - expressed in confession - Neh 8-9
4. Dependence - acknowledge our need of God (prayer)
5. Submission - Surrender
6. Commitment - (submission is passive, but commitment is active)

Why did you come today?

Duty

To receive

To give ourselves to God.