**Personal Worship**

**In search of meaningful worship**

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Importance of Worship in Scripture

* OT: Israel-God: Levites, priest, tabernacle, temple…
* NT: Father seeks worshipers: John 4:19-25
* Jesus => satan: Luke 4:7-8 First worship, then service
* We shall worship also in eternity: Rev 4:10-11
* **We are made to worship God**

What is ‘worship’?

* More than words or actions, ‘worship’ has to do with our inner attitude towards God
* Words and actions are sometimes called ‘worship’ – but only if they are a reflection of this inner attitude.
* Hebrew word:

Literal meaning: bow down Figurative meaning: worship

**Nine photos-examples of worship in action**

1. Abraham: Gen. 22:1-5

* Worship is connected with an act of obedience

1. Job: Job 1:1, 20-21

* Scripture describes as ‘worship’ words that express confidence in God while in the middle of loss and pain.

1. Jacob: Gen 47:28-31 (read Heb. 11:21)

* ‘Worship’ is possible even when you are old, physically restricted, in your home, hospital or old people’s home.

1. Ezra and the Israelites: Neh. 9:1-3

* Worship connected with confession of sin (personal, family, assembly, nation…)

1. Moses and the Israelites: Deut. 26:1-11

* Offering our first fuits to the Lord, with the right attitude, is also described as ‘worship’ in Scripture.

1. Hezekiah and the Israelites: 2 Chron 29:25-30

* Worship is here connected with songs, music, instruments
* At the end, all worshiped. Every christain can worship!

1. De wise men: Matt. 2:1-12 (read 10,11)

Had baby Jesus done something for them? No!

* Worship is our natural response when we aware of who God is.

**It is worth noting the difference between**:

1. Thanking God: my should is busy with God’s blessings
2. Praising God: my should is busy with God as giver of blessings
3. Worshiping God: my soul is busy with God Himself
4. Mary: Joh. 12:1-5

* What we give to the Lord in ‘worship’ is ever a waste!

1. Jesus and the Samaritan woman: Joh. 4:20-24

John 3 – Nicodemus – religious leader – conversion

John 4 – Samaritan woman – normal person – worship

1. Worship the Father and the Son (not HS)
2. Worship what we know…

To grow/improve your worship, grow in your knowledge of God

1. Bow down ‘in spirit and truth’ – not a show.

**Conclusion:**

Are you a worshiper? Let’s worship Him now!

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