



Worship

“Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can ever take place in a human life.”

Karl Barth



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We're invited and urged....

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship



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The Father is seeking

John 4:21 (Jesus declared)

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

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What is worship?

Adoration, devotion

Idolize or regard with adoration

To attribute excessive value to something/someone.

It can therefore be thought of as

WORTHSHIP

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What is worship?

“To worship is to experience reality, to touch life. It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ in the midst of the gathered community. It is a breaking into the Shekina of God, or better yet, being invaded by the Shekina of God” *Richard J. Foster*

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Over 540 worship related scriptures
Throughout the scriptures God has
demonstrated to His people that worship
is their primary response and calling

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In the church there is often the danger of turning new believers into “workers”, before they learn to become “worshippers”

Mary & Martha/David Watson

And even for those who are mature in Christ - *You have wandered from your first love* - Rev. 2:4

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A Priority

"The divine priority is worship 1st and service 2nd" *R.Foster.*

Love only grows and deepens
when it is expressed

Worship is for eternity - Revelation

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A Command

Deut 6:5 Matt 22:37

You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might/mind

In commanding us to worship Him, God
is inviting us to enjoy Him *C.S. Lewis*



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“The chief end of humankind is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

Scottish Creed

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A Created Instinct

Is 43:17

7 Everyone who is called by My name,
And whom ***I have created for My
glory***, Whom I have formed, even
whom I have made."

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A Created Instinct

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, ***so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him*** who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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A Created Instinct

If we do not worship the Creator, the inevitable result will be that we will worship His creation



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False Worship

Romans 1:25

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.