

# The Christian's Worship

*“If we admitted what we worship, banks would have stained glass windows”*

- *“Gold has more worshippers than God”*
- **Worship:** *old English worthship – worthiness of one receiving specific honor or devotion.*
- *Why is our worship so important?*
  - *Worship is a hedge... Job 1:19-20*

# I. What Is Worship?

# Not all 'worship' is true or accepted

- Malevolent, Mt.2:8 (Herod)
- Mad (angry), Mt.5:23-24
- Me (self) worship, Mt.6:...5
- Make believe worship, Mt.15:7-9
- Mock worship, Mk.15:19
- Manmade worship, Ac.17:23
- Modern worship, Col.2:...23

# 'Worship' < 'to kiss'

- Do reverence or homage by kissing the hand, feet.
- Prostrating oneself to the ground before one (fall down and) worship, do obeisance to.
- Classical: Darius becomes king...  
Ac.7:43
- LXX: Est.3:2 . . . 1 Sm.1:3

# 'Worship' < 'to kiss'

- NT: object always something truly or supposedly divine.
  - Mt.2:2 (ASV): *we are come to worship Him*
    - Ftnt.: <sup>3</sup>The Greek word denotes an act of reverence whether paid to a creature (see ch. 4.9; 18.26), or to the Creator (see ch. 4.10).
  - Ac.10:25-26
  - Rv.19:10

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- 1 Co.10:18, communed with what the altar symbolized
  - 19-20: gods don't exist, food doesn't pollute; but something Satanic goes on...
  - 21: must choose. Mt.12:30.
  - 22: what if God responds to the challenge?

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- John 4:19-24, nine times...five verses
  - 19-21: 'prophet'
  - 20: 'which mountain?'
  - 21: 'Believe Me' (authoritative answer) – hour is coming...
  - 22: you do not know what you worship; we do; salvation is of the Jews
  - 23: hour is coming and now is...
  - 24: worship Father in spirit / truth ('must')



I. What Is Worship?

**II. True Worship  
Connects With God**

# Worship . . . God

- Sing, Ep.5:19 → with heart to Lord
- Pray, Ac.2:42 → to God
- Supper, Mt.26:26-29 → My body / blood
- Teaching, Ac.2:42 → Christ, 2 Jn.9
- Giving, 1 Co.16:1-2 → Cheerful, 2 Co.9

Each act of worship requires  
our mind, emotions, will

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**III. God Does Not  
Accept All Worship**

1. Worship God with traditions of men

Colossians 2: worship after our own will

20: dead to them (done with them; no longer submit to authoritative decrees).

21: motto: keep meats from hand, tongue, fingertips. Superstitions

22: if God's food laws are removed, why think human superstitions abide?

23: self-chosen worship; springs from man's wisdom; honor man's pride. Lv.10; 2 Sm.6

## 2. Worship God with idols

- 1 Jn.5:21
- Gn.4
  - Evangelical churches try to please consumers
  - Churches target audiences, appeal to carnal side
  - Worship has become 'us-centered'

### 3. Worship God indecently, disorderly

- Hab.2:20
- 1 Co.14:40
  1. Devoid of instruction, 14:19.
  2. Childish behavior, 14:20.
  3. Hindrances to edification, 14:26.
  4. Irreverence, 14:26, 33, 40.

# Genesis 22:5

- Abraham offered God his best.

## Neh.8

- Ezra and Jews gave God their best.