

Worship



John 4:23-24

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

24 God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the spirit and in truth."

What is the way to give worship in spirit and truth? The Greek language of worship is *proskuneo*; which means in its etymology, *to kiss somebody*. Who do we kiss? Of course, It means God. The first thing a Catholic priest does for worship service is to kiss the altar. It is significant to think about the meaning of worship and the language kiss. We know that it is an expression of love in an equal relationship. So, we can understand that worship is God's invitation to intimate love relationships.

Imagine that you brought your wife a beautiful rose bouquet on Valentine's Day. Your wife was so touched and said, "Thank you! It is so beautiful!" But if you say, "Don't need. It was only my obligation." It will make the wife miserable. Roses with obligation are an insult! Worship is the same.

You don't need any explanation about how you kiss. Before you kiss, your heart is filled with and drawn to your lover. Your love fills your heart constantly. Worship is like that. You continuously think and long for God. There is no room for other things or people at all. Worship is to give all your being! True worship is the heart's delight and spirit's pleasure. Our souls are touched and filled with the joy of the holiness of God. To be united with God through worship is incredibly fulfilling - our life's purpose.

Now let's listen to the heart of God who receives our kiss: Song of Songs 4:9, "For you reach into my heart. With one flash of your eyes, I am undone by your love, my beloved, my equal, my bride. You leave me breathless - I am overcome by merely a glance from your worshipping eyes, for you have stolen my heart. I am held hostage by your love and by the grace of righteousness shining upon you." (Passion Translation)

It is the heart of Jesus, the king of all ages. For all eternity, He has longed for a bride, and a partner to sit with Him on His throne. The creator of emotions wants to show his emotions toward you. He is captivated with love for human beings even while we are insecure, weak, and imperfect. It is the love of Jesus that will demolish strongholds of rejection and the negative thoughts that are entrenched in human hearts. His passion for you is all-consuming and relentless.

When we enjoy and worship God, make God supreme, and all other things find their best place: healing occurs, and all other miracles happen. Adore and worship God; kiss the Lord!