

R A D I U S C H U R C H

Calling real people to real faith in Jesus.

A THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP



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REAL LIFE. REAL FAITH.

Why Do We Worship God?

Choosing to worship something or someone is our proclamation of it having the highest element of worthiness. When we worship God, the Creator and Author of life from the Bible, we lower ourselves in surrender while embracing humility. We delight in the truth of God's worthiness found in Acts 17:24-25 that states, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else." We also understand that although God desires *our* worship of Himself, if we fail at doing so, we are assured in Luke 19:40 that nature itself will cry out due to God's incomparable worthiness. As Christ followers, we desire to be closer to God. We lean on the promise found in James 4:8 that says, "Come near to God and He will come near to you." Through our worship, we long to become more like Him while declaring His good deeds and divine, unchanging nature.

What Does Biblical Worship Look Like?

Frequently in the Bible, we are reminded that declaration of God's glory and remembrance of His good deeds are essential if we are to live lives that are pleasing to God. In Isaiah 29:13 God says, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men." It is not our eloquent speech, well-crafted phrases, or idolized traditions that please God, but the sincerity of our hearts. The Psalmists reminds us that heart-filled worship can be supplemented by song and instrumentation. In Revelation 4:8, we read of the winged creatures *endlessly* saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come." 1 Chronicles 16:23-24 says, "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all people." Worship that pleases God is remembrance and proclamation of His goodness and provision, true in heart, selfless, and eternally focused..

Why Is Corporate Worship So Important?

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, *not giving up meeting together*, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” As iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17), we view corporate worship as not only a healthy part of the Christian walk, but a dire necessity as it allows us to encourage one another in love, grow in our knowledge of His goodness, and experience the beauty of glorifying God together. In the book of Acts, we are told the Holy Spirit came upon them as “they were all together in one place.” Also, as we see the picture of eternal worship of God in the book of Revelation, we are not separated or alone. We are together, worshipping the same God, forever and ever.