

CLASS 8 || WORSHIP

The act of worship holds great significance in the life of a believer as it serves as a vital tool to nurture and reinforce our connection with God. Through worship, we not only express our gratitude but also recognize that God is the ultimate authority over every aspect of our lives.

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." — A.W. Tozer

When we _____ God, we express our _____ to Him and how much we *value* Him.

I. What is Worship?

1. Worship in its simplest form is an _____ of a deep and sincere love and respect for God.
 - a. **Psalm 95:6.** O come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker [in reverent praise and prayer].
 - b. **Psalm 96:8.** Glory of His name. Bring an offering.
 - c. **John 4:23.** Worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth.
2. Worship is an expression of our awareness that God is _____ and rightfully deserves the highest degree of adoration.
 - a. **Psalm 5:7.** But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

Answers

expression / holy / worship / love

- b. **Psalm 99:9.** Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.
3. By engaging in worship, God shows us the depths of His love for us as we show Him the depths of our _____ for Him.

Psalm 100

- a. Make a joyful _____ unto the Lord.
- b. Serve the Lord with _____ /joy.
- c. Come into his presence with _____.
- d. We are God's _____, and the sheep of His pasture.
- e. God's steadfast love endures _____.
4. Mankind was in fact created to worship God, so we all have an inherent need to worship. But because of _____, man is often tempted to worship anyone and anything but God. Therefore, we must intentionally _____ to worship God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole _____ of man.

II. Made to Worship

1. Worship is not limited to what we do in church. Our lives should be an ongoing anthem of worship to God.

Answers

gladness / sin / duty / people / noise / choose / love / forever / singing

Romans 12:1-2

- a. Offer our bodies as a _____ sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is our true and proper worship.
 - b. Do not _____ to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of our mind.
2. When we _____ our lives to God, we are _____ Him.
- a. **Genesis 22:1-5.** Abraham's obedience to offer his only son whom he loved as a sacrifice was an act of worship.
 - b. **John 14:15.** If ye love me, keep my commandments. We worship what/who we love. Obedience is God's love language.
3. God requires that we worship Him in Spirit and in _____.
- John 4:24.** God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
4. To worship God is to fulfill the ultimate purpose of our creation. We are created to worship God; that is our primary purpose for living. Every product exists for a purpose determined by the manufacturer and not the product.
- Isaiah 43:21.** This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

III. Expressions of Worship

Worship is an expression of our _____ state toward God. Here are some examples of outward expressions one can take when worshipping.

Answers

worshipping / conform / inward / submit / living / truth

1. Speaking

Psalms 34:1. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2. Shouting

- a. **Psalms 27:6.** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

3. Singing

- a. **Psalms 66:4.** All the earth will [bow down to] worship You [in submissive wonder], And will sing praises to You; They will praise Your name in song.
- b. **Psalms 47:6.** Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, sing praises.

4. Dancing

Psalms 149:3. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

5. Giving

2 Corinthians 8-9

- a. Those who follow Jesus should excel in the grace of giving.
- b. Giving is an expression of the love one has for Jesus.
- c. God loves willing and cheerful givers.
- d. A willingness to be generous in giving is more important than the amount given.
- e. Our giving will result in praise and thanksgiving to God.
- f. Our giving should be a natural response to God's gracious gift to mankind.

IV. Postures of Worship

1. Bowing

Psalm 95:6. Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

2. Standing

Psalm 119:120. My flesh trembles in fear of you; I stand in awe of your laws.

3. Lift our hands.

a. **Psalm 134:2.** Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

b. **Psalm 141:2.** May the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

c. **Psalm 63:4.** I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

4. Kneel

Psalms 95:6. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

5. Lay prostrate.

Revelation 11:16. And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God.

V. Benefits of Worship

1. Brings us into God's _____. Our worship provides a place of meeting with God—a place for us to encounter His very presence and embrace His invitation to join Him as He works.

Psalm 22:3. God inhabits the _____ of His people.

Answers

praises / presence

2. Helps to bring our heart into _____ to God's will. The heart worships what it loves. According to the Bible, believers in Christ are instructed to worship only God and nothing else. By _____ engaging in the spiritual practice of worship, one's heart is shaped to love and _____ for God. It's important to note that loving and desiring God is not innate to the human heart, but through the discipline of worship, the Holy Spirit can work to _____ one's heart to prioritize God above all else.

a. **Exodus 34:14.** Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

3. Positions us to receive from God.

John 9:31. God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.

4. Pleases God.

John 4:23. True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in _____, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

5. Produces blessings.

Zechariah 14:17. If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, they will have no rain.

6. Brings victory.

2 Chronicles 20. Praising God leads to victory.

Answers

long / regularly / transform / truth / submission

7. Satisfies the soul.

Psalms 63:3-5. God's love is better than life, therefore, we glorify Him. We will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; as with singing lips our mouth praise Him.

VI. Examples of Bible Figures Who Engaged in Worship

From each scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

1. Moses (Exodus 34:8)

2. David (2 Samuel 12:20)

3. Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:18)

4. The Jewish Ruler (Matthew 9:18)

5. The Mother of James and John (Matthew 20:20)

6. Jesus' Disciples (Luke 24:50-52)

Notes
