A Christian’s Worship

Intro: God has placed within man the need to worship. Thus, when you observe any society, you will see that they worship something. That worship is to be directed properly. Jesus sets forth 3 great principles of worship in John 4:23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

I. WORSHIP IS TO BE DIRECTED TO GOD

A. Meaning of worship:
1. The English word means: “reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power” (Webster).
2. The Greek word comes from two parts meaning to kiss toward.
3. Worship is the expression of homage or reverence to God.

B. He is the only one worthy of worship.
1. God is:
   a. Creator and Sustainer of life
   b. Omnipotent One
   c. Holy and Righteous One
   d. Savior
2. Mat. 4:10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”
3. We need to see the glory of God:
   a. Isa. 6:1-3 “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”
   b. Rev. 4:8-11 “And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”
   c. Israel:
      (1) God shows them His power in the 10 plagues in Egypt.
      (2) He brings them to Mt. Sinai.
         (a) Exo. 19:16-19 “And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. 17And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.”
         (b) Exo. 20:18-24 “And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they
removed, and stood afar off. 19And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. 22And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. 24An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.”

(3) It was not long till they lost sight of the awesomeness of God and forsook him; Heb. 3:19 “So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

d. When we get a view of God’s glory and see what He has done for us; we will not have to beg people to worship Him.

C. We are the participants in the worship; God the audience.

1. Cornelius’ attitude should be ours regarding worship; Acts 10:33 “Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.”
2. To often we make worship about ourselves and not about God.
   a. It is what I get out of it; or what pleases me.
   b. When we come to give our worship to God, then we will receive in return.

II. WORSHIP IS TO BE DONE ACCORDING TO TRUTH

A. God has authorized 5 actions through which we worship Him.

B. Singing

1. Eph. 5:19 “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”
2. Col. 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

C. Prayer

1. Acts 2:42 “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
2. 1 Cor. 14:15 “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

D. Lord’s Supper

1. Acts 20:7 “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”
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E. Contribution

1. 1 Cor. 16:1-2 “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”
2. 2 Cor. 8-9

F. Preaching

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G. **The actions must be according to God’s Word.**

**III. WORSHIP IS TO BE DONE IN THE PROPER ATTITUDE**

A. The actions alone are not worship.

B. When we have a proper view of God, our worship will be done with the proper attitude.

C. **My mind must be centered upon what we are doing and saying:**
   1. The songs being the outpouring of our praise to God, thus thinking about the words we sing.
   2. The prayers being the emotions of our heart to our loving Father.
   3. We will remember the great sacrifice our Lord made during the partaking of the Lord’s Supper.
   4. When we understand what God has done and provided for us, we will cheerfully give financially to further the greatest cause on earth.
   5. A proper respect for God will lead us to follow carefully the preaching of the Word realizing it is God’s message to us.

**Conclusion:** When you come to worship, do you really worship God or simply go through the motions? However, to worship God acceptable, you must first be a Christian.