

WHY I... WORSHIP

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- 1. Worship isn't an event.**
- 2. Worship isn't a style rather it is a lifestyle.**
- 3. Worship isn't confined to a certain space or place.**

John 4:20-24 (NLT)

²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?" ²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

What is Worship?

- 1. Worship not about a place but a person.**
- 2. We don't worship to acquire something but to admire someone.**
- 3. We were created for worship.**

Romans 11:36 (NLT)

³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

John 4:20-24 (NLT)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

What we **GLORY** in we **SACRIFICE** for which becomes what we **WORSHIP**.

2 Samuel 24:24 (TLB)

²⁴ But the king said to Araunah, "No, I will not have it as a gift. I will buy it, for I don't want to offer to the Lord my God burnt offerings that have cost me nothing." So David paid him for the threshing floor and the oxen.

Romans 1:18-28 (TLB)

¹⁸ But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them.

¹⁹ For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

²⁰ Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse [when they stand before God at Judgment Day].

²¹ Yes, they knew about him all right, but they wouldn't admit it or worship him or even thank him for all his daily care. And after awhile they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what he wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused.

²² Claiming themselves to be wise without God, they became utter fools instead.

²³ And then, instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they took wood and stone and made idols for themselves, carving them to look like mere birds and animals and snakes and puny men.



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²⁴ So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin, and do whatever they wanted to—yes, vile and sinful things with each other’s bodies.

²⁵ Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they prayed to the things God made, but wouldn’t obey the blessed God who made these things.

²⁶ That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God’s natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other.

²⁷ And the men, instead of having normal sex relationships with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved.

²⁸ So it was that when they gave God up and would not even acknowledge him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of.