

"What does the Bible Teach us about worship?"

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In the Bible, worship describes both a way of life and a specific activity. Praising, adoring, and expressing reverence for God, both publicly and privately, are "*specific acts of worship*." In a broader sense, worship refers to an overall lifestyle of serving and glorifying God and reflecting His glory to others.

Worship is the awed response to the saving acts and praiseworthy character of God.

Psalms 95:1–3 (NET 2nd ed.) — 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD. Let us shout out praises to our protector who delivers us. 2 Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout out to him in celebration. 3 For the LORD is a great God, a great king who is superior to all gods.

Worship is the reverential response of creation to the all-encompassing magnificence of.

To _____ — verb. to express one's esteem or approval of.

To _____ — verb. to show devotion to a deity or image of a deity.

1. Worship in Eden, and Before

(1) Worship _____ the Creation of Human Beings

Job 38:7 'the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy' (NASB).

Psalm 148:1–5 (NET 2nd ed.) — 1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the sky. Praise him in the heavens. 2 Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his heavenly assembly. 3 Praise him, O sun and moon. Praise him, all you shiny stars. 4 Praise him, O highest heaven, and you waters above the sky. 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he gave the command, and they came into existence.

Worship, then, does not begin with human beings as though they alone worship, or as if they are the initiators of worship. Worship begins with God.

(2) God's _____ : All is for Worship

Acts 17:24f 'The God who made the world and all things in it, since he is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all life and breath and all things' (NASB)

1 Corinthians 8:6 'for us there is one God the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through him' (NASB).

(3) The Creational _____ of Worship

We see that the primal couple was given a mandate, *to 'fill' the earth, 'subdue' it and 'rule over' it (Gen. 1:26f.)*, and a task to *'cultivate and keep' the Garden (Gen. 2:15)*.

(4) Adam as _____ in Eden

Genesis 3:24 (NET 2nd ed.) — 24 When he drove the man out, he placed on the eastern side of the orchard in Eden angelic sentries who used the flame of a whirling sword to guard the way to the tree of life.

Exodus 28:6 (NET 2nd ed.) — 6 *"They are to make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twisted linen, the work of an artistic designer.*

End of lesson 1 on worship