

Lesson #11 Unity in Worship

Memory Verse

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wor-ship (wûr’shîp) noun Middle English *worshipe*, worthiness

1. **a.** The reverent love, honor esteem and devotion accorded a deity, an idol, or a sacred object. **b.** The ceremonies, prayers, or other religious forms by which this love is expressed. **2.** Ardent devotion; adoration.
- Worship “to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power” or “to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion” following up with “to perform or take part in worship or an act of worship.” Thesaurus entries: revere, adore and love. - Merriam-Webster

Worshiping Our Creator and Redeemer

Every company restaurant and store has a mission statement these days. The core mission statement of the church is worship.

Revelation 4:8-11 (NKJV) *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

- “Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of will to his purpose -- and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.” - William Temples

Isaiah 6:2–3 (NKJV) *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

True Worship

John 4:19–24 (NKJV) *The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.²⁰ Our fathers **worshiped** on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to **worship**.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, **worship** the Father.²² You **worship** what you do not know; we know what we **worship**, for salvation is of the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true **worshippers** will **worship** the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to **worship** Him.²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who **worship** Him must **worship** in spirit and truth.”*

False Worship

Matthew 4:8–10 (NKJV) *Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”*

***Revelation 13:12** *And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to **worship** the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

Revelation 14:9–10 (NKJV) *Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. ... and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*

Revelation 16:2 (NKJV) *So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.*

Revelation 13:15 *He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not **worship** the image of the beast to be killed.*

John 16:2 *“They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.*

Leviticus 10:1 (NKJV) *Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.*

King Saul, Uzzah - King Uzziah

False Music Connected with False Worship

Daniel 3:4–5 (NKJV) *Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;*

Music forms a part of God's worship in the courts above, and we should endeavor, in our songs of praise, to approach as nearly as possible to the harmony of the heavenly choirs. Ed, pp. 62, 63

The Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit. {Mar 234.2}

1 Kings 18:26 (NKJV) *So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made.*

Elijah on Mount Carmel The issue was worship and prayer.

Look at how they prayed in vain repetition and how Elijah prayed. Why don't we make idols. Can God be confined or restricted to 2 or 3 dimensions?

2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV) *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

"The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death." - PK pg. 512, 513.

***Psalm 57:9** *I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. To witness to the heathen, to edify the church.*

Music has power to communicate, to inspire, to change

- "Give me the music of a nation and I will change the mind of that nation" (Plato) Music is a secondary language to express.
- "If one should desire to know whether a kingdom is well governed, or if its morals are good or bad, the quality of its music will furnish the answer." – Confucius
- "I knew a very wise man who believed that if a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation." -- Andrew Fletcher

The First Angel's Message

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We Worship With Our Witness

Psalm 96:1–9 (NKJV) *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. ²Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ³Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

We Worship With Our Music

Psalm 66:4 (NKJV) ⁴ *All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name." Selah*

Posture in Worship

Exodus 4:31 (NKJV) *So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.*

Psalm 95:6 (NKJV) *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Even in the animal kingdom we see postures of submission and aggression.*

Boring Worship? A little boy asked his mother if she could remember the highest number she ever counted to. The mother didn't know so she asked him about his highest number. He answered, "5,372." The mother was puzzled and asked him why he stopped at that particular one. The boy responded, "Well...church was over."

Worship In Giving

Psalm 96:8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. ⁹Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

***1 Samuel 1:3** (NKJV) This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh.

A Time And Place For Worship

Isaiah 66:23 (NKJV) And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD. **Daniel 3 times a day.**

Proclaiming His Word (Our words too)

Psalm 138:2 (NKJV) I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Revelation 22:9 (NKJV) For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

Bible Study and Fellowship

Acts 2:42 (NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2 Kings 22:8–10 (NKJV) Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. ⁹So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the Lord." ¹⁰Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

Breaking of Bread and Prayer

Acts 1:14 (NKJV) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

2 Peter 1:12 (NKJV) For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

Acts 4:29–31 (NKJV) Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰by stretching

out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." ³¹And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Teach Our Children To Worship God

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NKJV) "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The first 4 commandments deal with worship.

If we don't get this right nothing else matters.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Revelation 14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

Daniel 3:10–13 (NKJV) You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up." ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar, **in rage and fury**, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king.

Daniel in The Lion's Den

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.