

CLASS ON WORSHIP

Wednesday Night

1/7/09

Questions

- Why is this Study needed?

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- How can our worship be in vain?
 - Isa. 1:10-15
 - Why? Isa. 1:15
 - What to do about it? Isa. 1:15-17
 - 1 Tim. 2:8
 - Matt. 15:9
 - Acts 17:23
 - Col. 2:20-23

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□ *What is worship?*

□ The English word

- "Our English word, worship derives from the old English 'weorthscipe' and means worthship i.e. worthiness, dignity or merit. The recognition accorded or due to these, the paying of homage, or respect. In the religious world the term is used for the reverent devotion service or honor paid to God, whether public or individual" (Zondervan Pictorial Ency. Of the Bible)
- The American Heritage Dictionary states, "1. a. the reverent love and allegiance accorded to deity, idol or sacred object. B. a set of ceremonies, prayers or other religious forms by which this love is expressed. 2 a. ardent, humble devotion b. the object of such devotion."

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□ ***What is worship?***

- There are fifteen Hebrew and Greek words that are translated "worship" in the KJV of the Bible. Of these fifteen words, there are four principle meanings:

Original Words

□ **Hebrew**

- **Shachah (Shaw Haw)** "a primitive root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God) :- bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship" (Dan. 2:46, 3:5, Isa. 44:15, 17, 19)

Original Greek Words

□ **proskuneo, most common (53 times)**

- *pros-koo-neh'-o; means to prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore) :- worship.*
- This word is the one the Lord uses in John 4:23-24, as well as in Matthew 4:10. The word is also used in 1 Corinthians 14:25 of the assembly described in that chapter (v. 23.)
- Note: the term involves an act expressing homage, reverence, adoration, et cetera. It is more than an emotion.
- It involves the proper attitudes, emotions, volition, and so forth, and the appropriate actions which express these things.

Original Greek Words

□ **sebomai, 10 times**

- *seb'-om-ahee; middle of an apparently primary verb; to revere, i.e. adore :- devout, religious, worship.*
- The Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament provides this very forceful and precise definition of sebomai:
 - "to worship, the honoring of God through acts of obedience to His Will. Sebomai involves "acts" expressing the awe or reverence carried in the word. It does not describe a condition or state of being as such, nor does it describe merely an emotion. It involves both the appropriate attitudes and the outward "acts" that are to manifest them.
- Used: Matt. 15:9; Acts 16:14

Original Greek Words

□ **latreuo**

- *lat-ryoo'-o; from **latris** (a hired menial); to minister (to God), i.e. render religious homage :- serve, do the service, worship*
- Used 21 times.
 - Translated “Worship” 4 times
 - Acts 7:42; 24:14
 - Heb. 10:2
 - Phil 3:3

Original Greek Words

- ▣ From the definitions we learn that worship is: an attitude of devotion that is expressed in certain acts or service to God.

How does Jesus define worship?

- Worship consists of three things
 - ▣ Right object
 - God (Rev. 22:9)

How does Jesus define worship?

- Right spirit (an attitude of heart)
 - ▣ Worship in spirit is the outpouring of the heart with adoration, awe, thanksgiving and reverence
 - For who he is (Rev. 4:1-11; 5:1-2, 9-14)
 - For what he is (Rev. 4:8; 6:10)
 - For what we are (1 Tim. 1:15-16)

How does Jesus define worship?

- Right Action - according to truth
 - Expression of right attitude or devotion to God with acts that God has given. (Acts 2:42; 4:23; 20:7; Heb. 2:12; 1 Cor. 16:2)
 - Warned in 1 Cor. 11:17 ff to keep it spiritual.