

A FRESH LOOK

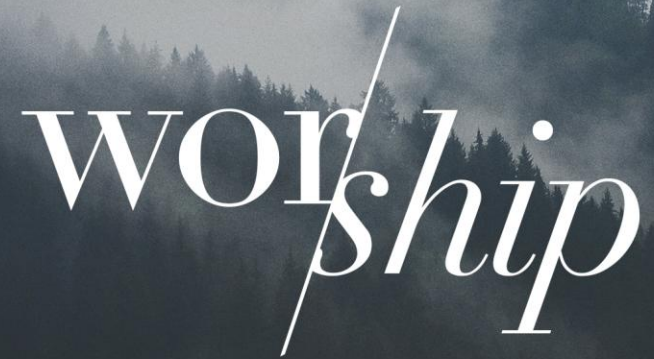
**NEW TESTAMENT
CONCEPTS OF
WORSHIP AND
ASSEMBLY**

WORSHIP

- In the **Old Testament** the most common words translated “worship”:
 - *Shachah* – deferential respect; obeisance, literally and with other words meaning “to bow oneself down” (e.g. Exod. 34:8)
 - *Abad* – “to serve” (used of worshipers of Baal; 2 Kings 10)



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WORSHIP

- In the **New Testament** the most common words translated “worship”:
 - *proskuneo* – to make obeisance, do reverence; from “to kiss toward” (most often related to Christ in the gospels and Revelation. Never used relative to the assembly).
 - *threskeia* – “religious ceremonial practice” (used in James 1:26)
 - *latreuo* – “to serve” (God - used of the priestly activities in the temple – Hebrews 9-10)



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WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Matt. 4:8-10

⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship (*proskuneo*) me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship (*proskuneo*) the Lord your God and him only shall you serve (*latreuo*).’”



WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Hebrews 9:1, 6

¹ Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship (*latreuo*) and an earthly place of holiness.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties (*latreuo*),

- These duties were primarily connected with the offering of sacrifices and Incense.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORSHIP AND PRAISE?

- Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



PSALM 34:1-3

- ¹ I will **ble**ss the Lord at all times;
his **pr**aise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, **ma**gnify the Lord with me,
and let us **ex**alt his name together!



WORSHIP FROM WHERE?

- Matthew 12:34

³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

- Matthew 15:1-9

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

⁸ “This people **honors me with their lips,**
but their **heart is far from me;**

⁹ in **vain** do they **worship** me,

CONCLUSION

- “A consideration of the above verbs (used for worship) shows that it (worship) is not confined to praise; broadly it may be regarded as the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deed done in such acknowledgment.” – Vines Expository Dictionary of Bible Words

WORSHIP IS A DAILY LIVING ATTITUDE

- What do these passages reveal about our daily living and our worship before God?
 - Jeremiah 7: 1-11
 - Psalm 40:6-8
 - Micah 6:6-8
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - Hebrews 13: 15-16
 - James 1:26



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- Jeremiah 7: 1-11

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² “Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to **worship (*Shachah*)** the LORD. ³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: **Amend your ways and your deeds**, and I will let you dwell in this place.



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- Jeremiah 7: 1-11

⁴ Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' ⁵ For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, ⁶ if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm,



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⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. ⁸ “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹ Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,



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- Jeremiah 7: 1-11

¹⁰ and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹ Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.



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- Psalm 40:6-8

⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”



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- Micah 6:6-8

⁶ “With what shall I **come before** the LORD,
and **bow** myself before God on high?

Shall I **come before** him with **burnt offerings**,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”



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- Micah 6:6-8

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to **do justice**, and to **love kindness**,
and to **walk humbly** with your God?



WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Romans 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship (*latreuo*)**. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Hebrews 12:28

²⁸ "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship (*latreuo*) God acceptably with reverence and awe,"

WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- James 1:26-27

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is **religious** (*threskeia*) and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's **religion** (*threskeia*) is worthless. ²⁷ **Religion** (*threskeia*) that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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