

Bible Quotes about Worship

“Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” - Psalm 95:6 -

“Praise the Lord in song, for He has done excellent things; Let this be known throughout the earth.” - Isaiah 12:5 -

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” - John 4:23-24 -

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.” - Hebrews 13:15 -

June Birthdays

8 Wanda Deaver 12 Celina Perales 23 Agripina Carrillo
9 Debbie Pescador 20 Mike Bruni

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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What Must Be The Worshiper's Attitude

By Curtis A. Cates

What must the worshiper's attitude be? Great responsibility has always rested upon the worshiper, in the Old Testament as well as in the New. Not only must one have the right object, but he must have certain attitudes.

First, the True Worshiper Feels the Desire To Worship.

"Both young men, and virgins; Old men, and children: Let them praise the name of Jehovah; For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and the heavens" (Psalm 148:12-13). *"These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me, how I went with the throng, and led them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude keeping holyday"* (Psalm 42:4). David exclaimed, *"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of Jehovah"* (Psalm 122:1). Man needs to realize his need for His maker and thirst for Him. *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?"* (Psalm 42:1-2). Job cried, *"Oh that I knew where I might find Him! That I might come even to His seat!"* (Job 23:3).

Second, the True Worshiper Feels Profound Gratitude for the Wonderful Grace of God.

He seeks every opportunity to acknowledge his dependence upon God and his awareness that without God's blessings, he could not live. *"O praise Jehovah, all ye nations; Laud Him, all ye peoples. For His lovingkindness is great toward us"* (Psalm 117:1-2). *"What shall I render unto Jehovah for all His benefits toward me?"* (Psalm 116:12). *"I will pay my vows before them that fear Him"* (Psalm 22:25). *"Praise ye Jehovah. O give thanks unto Jehovah; for He is good; For His lovingkindness endureth for ever".* (Psalm 106:1).

Third, the True Worshiper Feels Reverence in and Worships God from the Heart.

It is genuine: the emotions are involved. *"These things I remember [what God has done for me and that my soul pants after God, CAC], and pour out my soul within me"* (Psalm 42:4). *"Glory ye in His holy name; Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah"* (1 Chronicles 16:10). *"Him shall ye fear [reverence, and unto Him shall ye bow yourselves, and to Him shall ye sacrifice"* (2 Kings 17:36). *"I will give Thee thanks with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praises unto Thee"* (Psalm 138:1). The worshiper is not passive in his worship, awaiting some entertainment or mystical uplift to result from the performance of the song leader, the preacher, and others. We actively lift up praise and adoration to God within His prescribed way out of a heart filled with reverence, gratitude, confession, praise, and supplication.

Fourth, the True Worshiper Realizes that God Is Close at Hand.

Unlike many who think that God is so remote that He cannot see, know, or be concerned with our needs, thoughts, prayers, and joys, men need to realize that they should seek God, *"if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us"* (Acts 17:27). With the Israelites, God's glory filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:33-38), from whence He spoke to the people (Leviticus 1:1). Here we see the marvel of His condescension; He would later dwell among the people when the Word would be a tabernacle in the flesh (John 1:1-3, John 1:14) and when He would dwell in His holy temple, the church (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). He is with His people in the worship (Matthew 26:28-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16-21; 1 Corinthians 11:23ff). The righteous people of the Old Testament walked with God, building a close relationship with Him (not the type of buddy-buddy, daddy relationship as some shallow, flippant souls would aver today). Study the faith and reverence demonstrated in the worship of Abraham, Moses, David, and others. Enoch walked with God: David was a man after God's own heart; Daniel was greatly beloved.

I'm Not Getting Anything Out of Worship

By Brett Petrillo

President James Madison experienced many health problems late in his life. A friend sent him a box of vegetable pills he made. He asked James to inform him if they helped at all. After some time, the man received a letter from President Madison which said, "My

dear friend, I thank you very much for the box of pills. I have taken them all; and while I cannot say I am better since taking them, it is quite possible that I might have been worse if I had not taken them."

Some walk away from religious activities today feeling like they "didn't get anything out of it." I don't remember many of the meals I have eaten, but one look at my waistline will tell you that I haven't missed many. Even though I don't remember what I ate, my body has gained strength because of them. I don't remember the vast majority of lessons I have heard in my life, but this doesn't mean I haven't benefited from them. I have grown spiritually because of them. Like Madison, there is no telling how much worse I would be without them. It scares me to think about where I would be if not for the church and other spiritual activities. Without them, I would most likely be filling my mind with worldly influences from TV, video games, non-Christian friends, and unsuitable reading materials. Surely many sins would not be far behind such influences (1 Corinthians 15:33).

It doesn't always feel like we get something out of worship, but we do. Just the simple fact of being present at worship brings us away from the world and around positive Christian examples. Not to mention the class or lesson will have something, even if it is small point, that we haven't known before or that will remind us of something to help us walk closer to the Lord.

The next time I feel like I'm not getting anything out of worship, I should take a good long hard look at myself and ask some tough questions:

- Can I honestly say I have never benefited from worship in the past, and therefore will never benefit from it in the future?
- Am I being selfish?
- Why do I want to skip spiritual activities and being around other Christians?
- What will I spend my time doing if not with Christians in the assembly?

The old saying is true, "You get out of it what you put into it." When we put selfishness, arrogance, and worldly thoughts into worship, it's no surprise that we walk away feeling empty. There is no room for anything else (John 4:23). However, when we put humility, an open heart, and a focused mind into worship, there is no limit to the benefits we will reap (James 4:10; Luke 14:11).

