

LORD, TEACH ME TO BE A WORSHIPER

To become a true worshipper, there are seven fundamental truths that every believer must know:

1. Who you are in Christ
2. How to walk by faith
3. How to walk in your authority
4. How to walk in love
5. Tithes, Offering and Seed Offering
6. How to Pray
7. How to Worship

The minute you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Personal Savior, you are automatically grafted in the body of Christ. The one thing that separates us from non believers is that we know how to worship. Worship is extremely important to God. Your worship in public comes out of your fellowship with God in private. Fellowship is your relationship with God.

In John 4:22, 24 Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well about many things including worship, he said:

You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the father seeks. God is a spirit and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. (NIV)

Jesus explained this to her based on the question she asked about the location of worship. The location is not as important as the attitude of the worshipper. God is a spirit means that he is not a physical being limited to one place. He is present everywhere and can be worshipped anywhere, at any time. Worship is:

- an expression of your love toward God
- your gratitude and adoration toward God
- a form of warfare

But what exactly does worship do for you?

- It allows you to get in the presence of God
- When God speaks; He tells you what to do and where to God

Sadly, most Christians never get to experience the presence of God. In Luke 19:34, 40 when Jesus rode in Jerusalem on a donkey, the people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to joyfully praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” Here’s what Jesus replied:

“I tell you, if these keep quiet, the stones will cry out”

There will always be a Pharisee nearby to try to shut you up. In this passage, the Pharisees thought the crowds’ words were sacrilegious and blasphemous. They did not want someone challenging their power and authority and they did not want a revolt that would bring the Roman army down on them. So they asked Jesus to keep his people quiet. But Jesus said that if the people were quiet, the stones

would immediately cry out. Why? Not because Jesus was setting up a powerful political kingdom, but because he was establishing God's eternal kingdom, a reason for the greatest celebration of all!

God inhabits the praises of His people. The more people try to shut you up; the louder you should shout. When you worship, there is a two step process: It is a giving to God and a receiving from God. Have you ever noticed that when you come to church late you have a hard time getting into worship? Sometimes that is caused because you've missed the praise and therefore cannot get into a worship experience with God. Worship cannot be seen by an outside person. In other words, when you reach late and miss the praise, you are on the outside, trying to get in, spiritually speaking. Worship is directed up; not straight across. You praise God and pray yourself into worship. Only when you are spirit filled and spirit led can you truly fully experience worship.

You can fake praise but cannot fake worship. That is why it very important for praise and worship leaders to understand that you cannot force people into worship. Each individual must know for themselves why they are in church—to praise, worship and receive the word of God. Remember that in your worship is where you get answers from God.

Here are some principles that will help us understand true worship:

1. We were created to worship God
2. Do not let people stop you from worshipping God
3. God wants us to practice worshipping Him now
4. Be in the presence of God at all times
5. The devil cannot harm you when you are in the presence of God
6. Keep the presence of God flowing in your house
7. If your worship is lame; you walk with God will be lame
8. Worship always invites the presence of God.
9. Worship starts at home