

“Rediscovering the Biblical View of Worship Selected Scriptures

While worship is a commonly used word in the church, it is easy to lose sight of the biblical truths that point to the reverent worship of God alone as our highest calling (Matthew 4:10). The most common Greek word in the New Testament for worship is *proskuneo* which means essentially, “*to bow, to give reverence to, to kiss. It describes a humble act of honor or reverence*”. The American Dictionary of the English Language by Noah Webster (1828) defines worship as *to adore, to reverence with supreme respect and veneration, to honor with extravagant love and complete submission*. Our time this morning will be spent in examining three instructive passages, and then conclude with some practical points of application.

1. Worship is the most appropriate _____ we can make to God’s love and grace (Exodus 2:23-25; 4:29-31).
2. Worship is what God is _____ from those who come to believe in Him (John 4:21-24).
3. Worship is at the very _____ of the identity of those who have been redeemed by grace (Philippians 3:3; John 9:35-38).
4. Worship is a _____ which will express itself in numerous actions by those of us who belong to God by grace. The following list is not in any way exhaustive.
 - _____ is meant to be a worshipful response of the heart to God for who He has revealed Himself to be (Colossians 3:16; Matthew 15:8-9).
 - _____ at its highest is worshipful exposition of eternal biblical truths (II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:162).
 - _____ is our worshipful response to God’s revelation of Himself (Revelation 4:11).
 - _____ with a view toward life application is meant to be a weighty part of worship (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2)
 - Christ-centered _____ around the one another’s is ideally an overflow of worship (I John 1:3).
 - Being _____ of our resources is to be a grateful expression of worship (II Corinthians 9:6-8).
 - Faithfully _____ is meant to be an act of worship (I Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-2).
 - A daily _____ is at the heart of private worship (Psalm 5:1-3).
 - _____ to our children is an opportunity we must embrace while the door is open (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 20-21).
 - _____ our hearts in advance enables us to become more fully engaged in worship (Psalm 86:11-13).

