

“O Worship the King”
John 4:7-26

I. The meaning of worship is to bow down and do homage (vs. 20-24).

- A. The meanings of the word “worship” in the original Hebrew and Greek languages.
- B. Worshipping is glorifying God Almighty.

(Genesis 22:5; Matthew 18:26; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 4:11)

II. True worship is an act that is expressed to God alone (vs. 21, 23, 25-26).

- A. Worship is entirely and solely reserved for God.
- B. All worship should be set aside for God (everything offered to God in worship should not be offered to any other person or thing).

(Exodus 30:22-38)

III. Acceptable, or right worship, must be performed in God’s ways (vs. 20, 22-24).

- A. We must approach God in the right manner.
- B. We must come bringing a sacrifice (Tithes and Offerings).

(Exodus 35:4-9; Leviticus 1:3-4; 22:17-21; 27:32; Numbers 18:25-32; Deuteronomy 12:6; 26:12; 1 Chronicles 29:1-5; Malachi 3:8; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Scripture References and Notes

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God’s own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

2 Corinthians 5:5

Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

Romans 8:29

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

John 4:20-24

²⁰οἱ πατέρες ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ **προσεκύνησαν**· καὶ ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐστὶν ὁ τόπος ὅπου **προσκυνεῖν** δεῖ. ²¹λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύε μοι, γύναι, ὅτι ἔρχεται ὥρα ὅτε οὔτε ἐν τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ οὔτε ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις **προσκυνήσετε** τῷ πατρὶ. ²²ὑμεῖς **προσκυνεῖτε** ὃ οὐκ οἶδατε· ἡμεῖς **προσκυνοῦμεν** ὃ οἶδαμεν, ὅτι ἡ σωτηρία ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ἐστίν. ²³ἀλλ' ἔρχεται ὥρα καὶ νῦν ἐστίν, ὅτε οἱ ἀληθινοὶ προσκυνηταὶ **προσκυνοῦσιν** τῷ πατρὶ ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ· καὶ γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ τοιούτους ζητεῖ τοὺς **προσκυνοῦντας** αὐτόν. ²⁴πνεῦμα ὁ θεός, καὶ τοὺς **προσκυνοῦντας** αὐτόν ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ δεῖ **προσκυνεῖν**.

Word(s) in **BOLD** are from προσκυνέω (proskuneó) (9)

Matthew – 13

Mark – 2

Luke – 3

John 4:20-24 – 9 ([x2]; 4:21; 4:22 [x2]; 4:23 [x2]; 4:24 [x2])

John – 11

The Gospels – 29

Acts – 4 (7:43; 8:27; 10:25; 24:11)

1 Corinthians – 1 (14:25)

Hebrews – 2 (1:6; 11:21)

All books except the Gospels and Revelation – 7

Revelation – 24 (3:9; 4:10; 5:14; 7:11; 9:20; 11:1, 16; 13:4[x2], 8, 12, 15; 14:7, 9, 11; 15:4; 16:2; 19:4, 10[x2], 20; 20:4; 22:8-9)

Word that is UNDERLINED is from προσκυνηταί.

προσκυνηταὶ (proskunétai)

- προσκυνητής (proskunétés)
- a worshipper
- an adorer -- worshipper

The primary words from where we get “worship” and what those words mean in the Original languages.

Worship

New Testament (Greek)

- προσκυνέω (proskuneó)
- I go down on my knees to, do obeisance to, worship.
- from pros (“towards”) and kuneó (“to kiss”)
- Frequently used to designate the custom of prostrating oneself before persons and kissing their feet or the hem of their garment, the ground, etc.

- to express in attitude or gesture one's complete dependence on or submission to a high authority figure, (fall down and) worship, do obeisance to, prostrate oneself before, do reverence to, welcome respectfully

Old Testament (Hebrew)

- שָׁחָה (shachah)
- to bow down
- bow down, prostrate oneself, before a monarch or superior, in homage, etc.

Example for shachah

Genesis 22:5

Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

Example for proskuneó

Matthew 18:26

So the slave fell *to the ground and prostrated himself* before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.'

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Exodus 30:22-33

²² Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty, ²⁴ and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin. ²⁵ You shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, ²⁷ and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, ²⁸ and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand. ²⁹ You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy. ³⁰ You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me. ³¹ You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. ³² It shall not be poured on anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. ³³ Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall be cut off from his people.'"

Exodus 30:34-38

³⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each. ³⁵ With it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. ³⁶ You shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you; it shall be most holy to you. ³⁷ The incense which you shall make, you shall not make in the same proportions for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for the LORD. ³⁸ Whoever shall make any like it, to use as perfume, shall be cut off from his people."

Malachi 3:8

"Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

Leviticus 1:3-4

³ If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male without defect; he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. ⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.

Leviticus 22:17-21

¹⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸ “Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘Any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel who presents his offering, whether it is any of their votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering— ¹⁹ for you to be accepted—*it must be* a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats. ²⁰ Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you. ²¹ When a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

tithes

מַעֲשֵׂר (maaser)

1. tenth part of homer.
2. tithe, payment of tenth part.

Leviticus 27:32

For every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

Numbers 18:25-32

²⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁶ “Moreover, you shall speak to the Levites and say to them, ‘When you take from the sons of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the LORD, a tithe of the tithe. ²⁷ Your offering shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat. ²⁸ So you shall also present an offering to the LORD from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the LORD’S offering to Aaron the priest. ²⁹ Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the LORD, from all the best of them, the sacred part from them.’ ³⁰ You shall say to them, ‘When you have offered from it the best of it, then *the rest* shall be reckoned to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat. ³¹ You may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it is your compensation in return for your service in the tent of meeting. ³² You will bear no sin by reason of it when you have offered the best of it. But you shall not profane the sacred gifts of the sons of Israel, or you will die.’”

offerings

- תְּרוּמָה (terumah)
- contribution, offering, for sacred uses

קָרְבָּן (qorvon)

- Offering, oblation; general term for all kinds of offering

Exodus 35:4-9

⁴ Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, “This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying, ⁵ ‘Take from among you a contribution to the LORD; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD’S contribution: gold, silver, and bronze, ⁶ and blue, purple and scarlet *material*, fine linen, goats’ *hair*, ⁷ and rams’ skins dyed red, and porpoise skins, and acacia wood, ⁸ and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense, ⁹ and onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

Deuteronomy 12:6

There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

Deuteronomy 26:12

“When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

1 Chronicles 29:1-5

¹ Then King David said to the entire assembly, “My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the LORD God. ² Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things of gold*, and the silver for the *things of silver*, and the bronze for the *things of bronze*, the iron for the *things of iron*, and wood for the *things of wood*, onyx stones and inlaid *stones*, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance. ³ Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple, ⁴ *namely*, 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings; ⁵ of gold for the *things of gold* and of silver for the *things of silver*, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.