



CAYA SERIES: “WORSHIP: A LIFESTYLE EXPERIENCE”

WEEK 1 - “INTRODUCTION”

LEARNING OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES):

The student will be able to. . .

- Point out the major points of what is considered worship
- Identify mistaken ideas concerning worship
- Explain how the Greek terms in scripture express an attitude of submission
- Construct a theory concerning David’s passion for God
- Conclude what standard we should use to determine what we worship
- Support the value of offering worship to God

INTRODUCTION YOUTUBE VIDEO:

“How to Worship God – God’s Amazing Grace” (4:50); Ways and Hows (2/22/2012)

OUTLINE NOTES CONDENSED

- I. WHAT IS WORSHIP** - Salvation **demonstrates** God’s love for us. Worship **demonstrates** our love for Him and begins with a **motivation** of the heart, but it must have expression.
- a. **Oxford English Dictionary** - *to honor or revere as a supernatural being or power*
 - b. **Expression** - *Worship is how we **express** our relationship with our God; our joyful, grateful, appreciative response to God’s great person and astonishing works (**1 Chronicles 16:9**)*
 - c. **Response** - *to His majesty; the human **response** to the divine Creator and Redeemer; goal is the glory of God (**Psalms 29:1-2**)*

- d. **Attitude** - recognizing that God is the sole object of our worship, and thus can be practiced by exercising that attitude in all we do (Deut. 10:12, 13)
- e. **Sacrifice** – it always involves giving

II. MISCONCEPTIONS OF WORSHIP: We don't "enter in" to worship just because we have the right kind of music or atmosphere; simply being a member or attending church does not constitute worship

III. BIBLICAL TERMS

- a. Proskynein/proskuneo – “bending over, bowing, to fall down” (Psalm 95:7)
- b. Latreuein/latreuo – “to serve” (Deut. 10:12, 13; Ex. 8:26; 10:25, 26; Luke 2:37; Rom. 12:1)
- c. Douleuo – “to serve” (Col. 3:24)

IV. DAVID AS A WORSHIPPER – passionate heart for God (Psalm 63:1-3)

V. WHAT DO YOU WORSHIP – NOT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE WORSHIPED

- a. Psalms 99:5
- b. Romans 1:25
- c. Leviticus 26:1
- d. Exodus 20:1-6

VI. WHY WORSHIP

- a. Created to Worship – Isaiah 43:7, 21; 1 Peter 2:9
- b. Commanded to Worship – Psalm 22:23; 135:1; 150:6
- c. Called to Worship – Jonah 1:9; Acts 16:14; 18:7; 24:14
- d. Compelled to Worship – Psalm 35:28; 146:2
- e. Destined to Worship – Psalm 44:8

[Small Group Activity]

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WEEK 1 – “INTRODUCTION” **BREAKOUT QUESTIONS**

1. What are your reactions to the video?
2. How would you distinguish worship in a concert or sporting event from worshipping God?
3. Describe some misconceptions about worship? How do you think it came about?
4. Defend your position about why worship is important?
5. If you were always aware of the many times God has worked in your life, how would you predict that your worship would be different?
6. Discuss why some people avoid expressing their worship with physical gestures?
7. Examine the characteristics of David as a worshipper to how you may show it in your life?

[Follow-up Home Assignment]

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Worship always begins by faith. And becomes a life-changing force in every area and moment of our lives through thanksgiving. Spend time this week and dedicate yourself to draw near to God’s presence afresh... He’s just after your heart.

DIRECTIONS:

Read Psalm 100 *daily* in whichever version you prefer. Notice how entwined thanksgiving and worship are. Each day **write one verse** on the index card and **meditate** on it *throughout the day*.

The ingredients which form worship in Psalm 100:

The first Ingredient is JOY. (vv. 1-2)

The Second Ingredient is SERVICE. (v. 2)

The Third Ingredient is PROCLAIMING OF HONOR! (v. 3)

The Fourth Ingredient is THANKSGIVING. (v. 4)

The Fifth Ingredient is PRAISE. (v. 4)

MEMORY VERSE

Choose at least one verse from **Psalm 100** in *any version of your choice*. Please be prepared by the next class to say which version you used.

HANDOUT (OPTIONAL READING):

“Worship – What Does It Look Like in Real Life?”