

Parameters on Worship

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The object of worship

Matt 4:8-11 - Satan offered Jesus power over all the kingdoms of the world if he would fall down and _____ him.

Jesus responded that God is the only one worthy of _____.

John 8:42- Although the Pharisees claimed to serve God, they were fulfilling the desires of their real father, the _____!

Rom 1:24-25 *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. NKJV*

The unrighteous not only adore but they pay _____ homage to the creature rather than the creator.

They were giving what _____ belonged to the creator to the creatures He created.

Acts 10:24-27 *And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." NKJV*

Peter _____ Cornelius for falling down at his feet and worshiping him.

Acts 14:11-16 - Paul pleaded with the people of Lystra not to worship them, or any other man or thing, as _____.

_____ Idol worship is wrong!

Worship in spirit and truth

John 4:16-26 - The Samaritans worshiped on Mount _____ near the city of Shechem.

The significance of this location:

- In Deut 11:29 when Moses was pronouncing the blessings and the curses, the blessings were connected to Mount Gerizim.
- It was believed by them that this was the mountain that Abraham went to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice to God. (Gen 22)
- This is where Jacob bought a piece of land and set up an altar (Gen 33:18-20).
- The Samaritans believed that when the people crossed over the Jordan river, they set the twelve stone monument up at Mount Gerizim.
- Shechem did have a rich history of worship among God's people.
- The Samaritans only followed the first five books of the Old Testament.

The Jews worshiped in Jerusalem. The significance of this location:

- David took the Ark of the Covenant there.
- Solomon built the God-approved temple in Jerusalem.
- God put His name on the city. (1 Kings 9:3; 1 Kings 11:36)

In the New Testament the _____ of worship is not significant. That does not mean that collective worship at a location is not important.

God is seeking _____ worshippers.

True worshippers must worship God _____. They also need to have a relationship with God.

True worshippers must worship in _____. What does that mean?

- Some suggest that it means _____ worship. This doesn't really fit the context. How we worship is linked to the phrase "God is Spirit." Our worship should be joyful and can be spirited in the right context. However, worship can also be more subdued.
- Some suggest that Jesus is referencing the _____ Spirit. (Eph 5:18-20; Romans 8:26-27)
- Others suggest that worshipping God in spirit means worshipping Him from the _____. (Eph 5:19; Matt 5:8-9; Ps 111:1)

True worshippers must worship in _____.

1 Cor 14:34-35 *Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. 35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.* NKJV

An example of worship being according to truth is that _____ are instructed to lead worship.

Additional parameters on worship

1 Cor 14:1-5; 12; 26-27

Heb 10:24-25 - Collective worship should be _____, encouraging, and comforting.

1 Cor 14:18-19

Col 3:16-17 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.* NKJV

Collective worship should be _____.

1 Cor 14:22-25 - Collective worship is _____.

1 Cor 14:40 *Let all things be done decently and in order.* NKJV

Collective worship is _____. It doesn't have to be in the same order every time, but it must be orderly.