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INTRODUCTION A CALL TO WORSHIP

You are a worshipper. It is not a question of whether or not you will worship, but a question of who or what you will worship. There are many who choose to worship idols. Others pay homage to leaders of false religions or worship creation. And some, like you, will choose to worship the true God, the purpose for which mankind was created.

This study is based on the Holy Bible, the written Word of the one true God, which reveals that all of creation has been called to worship. The angels (Hebrews 1:6); the nations (Psalm 86:9); the elements (Psalm 96:11); and God's people (Psalm 67:3).

The Holy Bible proclaims that worship of the one true God is your first priority. Jesus declared:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. (Matthew 22:37-38)

Jesus further clarified:

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (Luke 4:8)

As a Believer, you are chosen to demonstrate God's praise, glory, and grace:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the

praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:4-6)

Worship is your spiritual birthright. You are part of a royal priesthood of worshippers which includes all true born-again Believers in Jesus Christ:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

To function in this ministry requires more than observing the worship experience of others. It requires more than learning the doctrine of worship...

“Unfortunately, experiences cannot be transmitted genetically, nor can they be transferred historically. It takes similar personal encounters with God to produce like worship responses and all too frequently it is the doctrine rather than the experience that is passed on to succeeding generations.” Judson Cornwall

The source of this study of worship is God’s Word, the Holy Bible. In some churches, liturgy and personal preference have been substituted for biblical worship. The Word of God in essence has been “lost in the house of God” as it was in the days of evil King Manasseh in Old Testament times (2 Kings 22). We “lose” the Word of God when we make our experiences or the claims of popular teachers or our denominations more authoritative than the Bible. When we substitute our insights, opinions, experiences, and prejudices for the Word, then we have “lost” the Word from the house of God. We need leaders like King Josiah who will declare: *“Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found...”*(2 Kings 22:13).

Problems have often occurred in our churches because of differences of opinions about worship. The very thing that should bring us together has torn us apart at times. As Believers, there are basic doctrinal truths we must agree upon that are mandated in God’s Word. At the same time, in the area of worship there needs to be freedom within the bounds of Scripture. Everyone in every nation and every culture should be permitted to express their heartfelt love for God in an appropriate biblical way.

This manual is a primer on worship for new Believers and an invitation to seasoned Believers to experience biblical worship in a new dimension.

For all, it provides instruction in what we will do for all eternity: Worship. When at last we are at home with the Lord, preaching, teaching, and praying for the sick and demonized will cease. But worship will continue forever. Let's prepare properly now for what we will do in eternity.

Worship is best learned by worshipping, and that is the purpose of this study. The goal is to enable you to understand biblical worship and inspire you to worship God in spirit and in truth. We are not interested in just disseminating information. Rather, we want to provide a biblical revelation that will be manifested in a personal worship experience with God.

So let's begin...

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Define a Biblical theology of worship.
- Explain and experience the prelude to worship.
- Define worship.
- Identify counterfeit worship.
- Explain the basic tenets of acceptable worship.
- Summarize the record of early biblical worship.
- Summarize worship in the Tabernacle.
- Summarize worship during the historical era
- Summarize worship in the book of Psalms.
- Discuss worship in the prophetic era.
- Summarize and apply worship principles taught by Jesus.
- Summarize and apply the worship practices of the early Church.
- Discuss and apply worship principles taught in the Epistles.
- Explain and use biblical elements of worship.
- Summarize what the Bible teaches regarding worship and spiritual warfare and apply these principles in your life.
- Lead corporate worship.
- Define and discuss Spirit-led worship.
- Experience the manifested presence of God.
- Identify and eliminate hindrances to Worship.
- Explain the concept of a worshipful lifestyle.
- Become a true worshipper of God.

