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# WORKBOOK

# DAY ONE

## THE NATURE OF WORSHIP

Worship means different things to different people. You can worship God corporately (as in a church), or worship Him personally (wherever you are, at any time, no matter what you're doing). A house, a room, a den, a car—literally anyplace can become a cathedral as we draw near to God. Today we will focus primarily on personal worship—worship as a way of life, not as a once-a-week ritual.

Few people ever bother to ask, “What is worship?” In its simplest form, worship means to have a conversation with God where you tell Him about how you love Him, and you assume a quiet posture of listening so that you can hear His Spirit respond to you.

1. What does Matthew 22:37 tell us—that is, command us—to do?

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2. Can you honestly say you meet this calling? If not, why not?

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3. Read Romans 5:5. In your own words, write each thing that's happening in this verse, and who is doing what.

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Whatever God demands of us, He supplies the means for us to do it. It is impossible for us, no matter how devoted we are, to love God—at least as He desires love—of our own accord. Only the Holy Spirit can do this. We love God by faith, and the Holy Spirit then turns that into a love language that God understands.

Picture in your mind a great funnel. Love begins with God. He is the source of love. God's love flows out from heaven in a great deluge, entering the funnel of our hearts. We then take that love He has given us and return it to Him through our worship. We are simply a vessel that God uses to express His love—to us, in us, through us, by us.

But this love isn't some kind of fuzzy, warm-all-over, romantic love. It's the kind of love that the Apostle John calls a foreign, exotic love—love that can only come through the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for this kind of love is agape. Agape love isn't about feelings (although it does lead to them as one form of expression.) Agape is an action word, a doing word.

4. Read 1 John 3:17-18. According to this passage, what actions does John indicate are a proper expression of God's love?

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5. According to John 15:13, what is the great expression of love?

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Prayer is an integral part of worship. Prayer is chatting with God, honoring Him, giving Him the glory He deserves, and loving Him. The more you pray, the greater your intimacy with God will be. Jesus taught the fundamentals of prayer to His disciples.

6. Read Matthew 6:5-14. Write five points from this passage that apply to worship:

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7. What does Luke 18:1-8 teach us about prayer?

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# DAY TWO

## FACETS OF WORSHIP

1. What does Hebrews 13:15 tell us we are to do?

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2. What does Romans 12:1 instruct us to do?

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3. What warning does Deuteronomy 4:19 give us?

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Worship is so important to our lives that God gave us a handbook that teaches us how, when, and why we should worship: His Word, the Bible.



4. Read the following verses and write what each instructs us we are to do in worship.

Psalm 9:11

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Proverbs 1:7

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Matthew 22:37

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Hebrews 11:6

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Romans 1:9a

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Psalm 5:11b

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1 Peter 2:9

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Psalm 100

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Hebrews 13:15

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What you think and feel about God in times of adversity reveal how deeply you knew and worshipped God before the adversity came. Adversity exposes the depth—or shallowness—of our worship.

I once had the opportunity to speak with one of the survivors of the 1977 Tenerife airport disaster, where two Boeing 747 airplanes collided during takeoff from the Canary Islands. He told me he was astonished, as many people who knew they were about to die cursed God, to their very last breath! But he prepared himself for death, silently praying and giving himself over to the Lord. And in that very moment, the plane split open, right at his seat, enabling him to escape.

For beginners learning how to pray and praise, these are the four facets of simple prayer:

1. Adoration. Praise God for who He is.
2. Confession. Admit your wrongs to God.
3. Thanksgiving. Thank God for all He does in your life.
4. Supplication. Ask God humbly and earnestly for specific requests for your specific needs.

## DAY THREE

### HINDRANCES TO WORSHIP

Of all our sins, God hates idolatry the most. Idolatry means placing something before God in our lives. Idolatry is spiritual adultery. The following is a list of several contemporary idols. For each idol, if that category represents something you struggle with, in the space next to it, write any examples you can think of from your own life (past or present).

1. Education

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2. Science

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3. Wealth

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4. Power

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5. Credentials

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6. Position

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7. Social standing

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8. Sex

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9. Pleasure

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10. Health

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11. Materialism

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12. Prestige

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13. Acclaim \_\_\_\_\_

14. Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

15. Hero worship \_\_\_\_\_

What's wrong with our worship? Mark any that you are seeing in your life. While we list several reasons below, these are certainly not all-inclusive. Add any more of your own that you think of.

No desire to worship  
 No desire to seek God  
 No regular devotional time  
 Inconsistent church attendance  
 Caught up in worldly activities  
 Lack of balance in your Christian walk  
 Carnality  
 Soulism  
 Avoiding God  
 Emotional problems  
 Spiritual problems  
 Wrong behavior  
 No desire to serve God  
 Ignorance about how to worship  
 Wrong doctrine  
 Wrong motives (busyness)  
 Legalism  
 Wrong thoughts of God  
 Wrong perception of self  
 Not accepting the Bible as the Word of God

It's easy for us to fall into wrong worship without even realizing it. Anything that we put ahead of God in our lives—even “good” and “important” things like our children

or other loved ones—counts as worship. We can come to worship material things, too, like cars, possessions, money, etc. We can even end up worshipping our jobs, intellectualism, science, etc.

Right worship always centers on God through Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into right worship, and He will.

# DAY FOUR

## WHO WE WORSHIP

We don't trust strangers, let alone worship them. Most if not all of us tend to create a god we're comfortable with, one who makes us feel safe. Safety and security are vital to our wellbeing, so this is understandable—but wrong! We must draw our perception of God from the Word of God. Those who know God the best will be the ones who worship Him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

To know God better, it helps to study His names from the Bible. The following is a list of God's names to meditate on and learn from the book of Genesis:

HEBREW	MEANING	TIMES	GENESIS
Elohim	God	213	1:1
Elohim	Gods	4	31:30, 32
El	God	4	35:1, 3
El Elyon	God Most High	4	14:18-22
El Roi	God Who Sees Me	1	16:13
El Shaddai	God Almighty	5	17:1
Shaddai	Used Alone	1	49:25
El Olam	The God of Eternity	1	21:33
El Bethel	The God of Bethel	2	31:13
El Elohe Israel	God, The God of Israel	1	33:20
Adonay	(My) Lord	7	15:28
Adonay Yahweh	My Lord Yahweh	2	18:3; 19:18
Yahweh	The personal name	164	2:4
Yahweh Yireh	God Will Provide	1	22:14
Yahweh Elohim	Yahweh God	20	2:4

<b>OTHER NAMES OF GOD</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>GENESIS</b>
The Judge of All the Earth	1	18:25
The Fear of Isaac	1	31:42
The (My) Shepherd	2	48:15; 49:24
The Angel	1	48:16
The Mighty One of Jacob	1	49:24
The Rock of Israel	1	49:24

# DAY FIVE

## DEFINING WORSHIP AND PERFORMING WORSHIP

1. In your own words, write what you feel worship is.

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2. What does Psalm 2:11 instruct us to do?

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3. In John 4:23-24, what does Jesus tell the woman at the well?

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4. Read Colossians 3:16-17. Would you consider what this passage describes as worship? Why or why not?

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5. According to Colossians 3:16-17, what does worship consist of?

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6. Read Ephesians 5:18b-21. According to this passage, what does worship consist of?

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7. Describe what your personal worship currently looks like.

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8. Write what you would like your personal worship to become.

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