

Worship

Text: John 4:20-24

BACKGROUND

Northern Kingdom – _____
Southern Kingdom – _____

REASONS FOR CONFLICT

Half-Breeds
Criminals
Books of the Bible
Places of Worship

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

#1 WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Concordance – _____ times in Bible
Common Usage Today
Horizontal Versus Vertical Worship
True Worship Versus False Worship

HEBREW WORD

_____ – prostrate, bow down,
reverence, stoop

GREEK WORDS

_____ – kiss, like a dog licking
his master's hand or a subject
kissing the ground before his king
_____ – reverence, hold in awe
Latreuo – render religious service of
homage

STUDY THE WORD WORSHIP

Body Language
Baal Worship Versus True Worship
English Word – _____
Vine's – "not confined to praise;
includes devotion, reverence,
service, done voluntarily

WE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP

Exodus 34:14
Psalm 99:9
Matthew 4:10
Luke 4:8

#2 HOW DOES ONE WORSHIP?

"In spirit and in truth" (verse 24)
_____ Centered
Begins in the Heart (Deut. 11:16;
Deut. 30:17; Jeremiah 13:10;
Acts 16:14; 1 Cor. 14:25)

ACTS OF WORSHIP

Discuss Examples
"I ponder God's worth and then
do something about it."

TYPES OF WORSHIP

Listening – _____
Speaking – heart
Doing – _____
-heart, mind, strength
-all three needed

ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

Love, admiration, wonder,
adoration, holiness, longing

#3 WHERE DOES ONE WORSHIP?

"The hour cometh" (verse 21)
No Longer Confined to a Location
"Ye are the _____ of God, and
that the Spirit of God dwelleth in
you" (1 Corinthians 3:16).
Public, Family, Private Devotions

Studying to gain a greater understanding of the Bible and be changed by it.

Preparing for Public Worship

HEART PREPARATIONS

Psalm 24:3-4

Clean _____, pure _____,
keep thy foot, be more ready to hear,
attitude, not pretending, not lifted up to
vanity

**You can't live a self-centered,
worldly life all week long and then
come to church on Sunday and
worship.**

Private Devotions

"Until we learn to experience God through
private worship, we will have great difficulty
worshiping Him in public."

ELIMINATE/REDUCE DISTRACTIONS

Lack of sleep (can it be helped?)

"Shift Gears"

Pray before leaving home

Pray on the way to church

Listen to Godly music on way to church

Meditate

Watch for distractions during service

(Cell phones, talking, mind wandering)

Concentrate on song words

Beware of "horizontal worship"

"Worship is no longer worship when
it reflects the culture around us
more than the Christ within us."

A. W. Tozer

"If you do not worship God seven days a
week, you do not worship Him on one
day a week. There is no such thing
known in Heaven as Sunday worship
unless it is accompanied by Monday
worship and Tuesday worship and so on."

A. W. Tozer

**"Worship changes the
worshiper into the image of the
One worshiped."**

The Problem in ancient times:

idol worship

The Problem in modern times:

idle worship

**TRUE WORSHIP
DOESN'T KEEP
LOOKING AT
IT'S WATCH**

N. T. WRIGHT

I can safely say, on the
authority of all that is
revealed in the Word of
God, that any man or
woman on this earth
who is bored and
turned off by worship is
not ready for heaven.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

QuoteAddicts

**"We have become a
generation of people who
worship our work, who
work at our play, and who
play at our worship."**

Charles Swindoll

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