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**WA62** A Heart that Worships

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where Jehovah-jireh supplies every need.

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Worship

## I. Biblical Approach to Worship

### A. Worship defined

1. The word 'worship' is used 108 times in KJV Bible  
Generally 10 - 13 words for worship are used (Hebrew and Greek)
  - a. *Doxa* - (word doxology derived from this word) - *glory, very apparent glory, voluntary, voluntary piety, sanctimony, 'I will worship'* (Greek)
  - b. *Enopion* - (Greek)
  - c. *Nopion* - (Greek) a derivative of the phrase '*in the face of, before the presence of, in the sight of*
  - d. *Eusebeo* - *to respect, to support*
  - e. *Latreuo* - *to minister to God, to render religious homage, to serve, to do service*
  
2. The following 2 words are used most
  - a. *Proskuneo* - (Greek) - *to kiss, to kiss like a dog licking his masters hand, a kiss of honor; to fawn or to crouch, literally or figuratively, to prostrate oneself in homage to or to do reverence to, to adore*
  - b. *Shachah* (Hebrew) *to press down, prostrate, especially reflective in homage to royalty or to God, to bow oneself down, to crouch, to fall down flat, to humbly beseech, to do obeisance to, to do reverence to, to make to stoop in worship\_*

John 4:23, 24 - *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

### B. Jesus said the Father is looking for worshipers

- 1 To kiss Him

- 2. Bow down and humbly beseech
- C. God wants to reveal His glory through the crucified Lord
  - 1. Seeks worshipers
  - 2. Worship brings His presence
  - 3. His presence brings His person
  - 4. His person brings who He is
- D. Universal Order
  - 1. God first
  - 2. People second
  - 3. Things third
- E. Obedience
  - 1. Our desire for blessing should never come before our desire to walk in obedience
  - 2. The kingdom is about perfect obedience to GOD

**Love always brings a gift**

## **II The Grand Plan of God**

- A. To bring His will to the earth  
(We must be careful that we don't become the center of our own universe)
- B. To bring glory to God
- C. Minister His love one to another
  - 1. Cannot do this humanistically
  - 2. Must be kingdom-based in order to love one another
  - 3. Life should mirror heaven

## Spiritual things are linked to physical things

### III. Worship in Spirit and Truth

- A. Worship and music are not linked anywhere in the Bible
- B. Worship without obedience is just a religious form of worship (have not pressed yourself down)
- C. Worship is synonymous with servanthood

Matthew 23:11 *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*

Matthew 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

- D. Worship is looking like Jesus

“The difficulty of your walk with Christ in the area of worship will be difficult to the degree of how much of you still exists.”

I Corinthians 15:31 *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

- E. Greatest things that we as humans can ascend to:
  - 1. The knowledge that the kingdom of God is in our heart through the sacrifice of Jesus
  - 2. We are co-laborers with Christ
  - 3. We are joint heirs with Christ
  - 4. We are part of a higher calling that is better than this present life on earth
- F. God can command everything except our gift of worship - He desires our gift of worship.

**A new heart is better than a new set of teeth**

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**Praise**

**I. Biblical Approach to Praise**

- A. Praise and worship are interchangeable in some ways
  
- B. Praise used 248 times in the Bible in 216 verses
  - 1. *Halal* - to shine; to make a show, to boast, and thus to be clamorously foolish, to rave causatively, to celebrate, to commend, to give glory, to give light, mad, to be worthy of to praise, rage, renown, shine
  
  - 2. *Yadah* - literally to hold out the hand; physically to throw a stone or an arrow at or away especially to revere or worship with extended hands; intensively to cast, to make confession, to praise or to shoot; thankfulness, thanksgiving  
  
When we lift our hands in worship we are performing the word ‘yadah’  
We can literally shoot our praise in directions
  
  - 3. *Telah* - a hymn or a praise

**II. Understanding Praise**

- A. Many Christians do not understand praise
  - 1. Don't realize that praise on this end causes a reaction on God's end
    - a. It is not a natural reaction in the human heart (unnatural)
    - b. Many marriages fail because there is not enough praise
    - c. God reacts when His people praise Him
  
- B. Praise (declaring Him, thanking Him) starts on the legs of thankfulness
  - 1. Ark of Covenant represented God, His authority and His power

*I Chronicles 15:25-28 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obededom with joy. 26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. 27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.*

*I Chronicles 5:11-14 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: 12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; 14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.*

2. Trumpeters were as one, made one sound
  3. Unity brings glory, lucifer brings division
  4. Express thankfulness
- C. Praise is sparked by thankfulness
1. People have forgotten what they were thankful to God for
    - a.. He came into your life bigger than anyone else
    - b. He rescued you
    - c. He made something out of your life
    - d. His grace saw you and found you
  2. Remember the goodness of the Lord
- D. Praise is interrupted when we exalt the opinion of others above God

*Psalms 106:1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

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