

What is Worship?

Genesis 22:5

Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

Genesis 24:26

The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD...

Exodus 4:31

And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Exodus 12:26-27

And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Exodus 32:8

They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

Exodus 34:8

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Deuteronomy 11:16

Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them

Deuteronomy 17:2-3

If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them...

Joshua 5:14

And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

1 Samuel 1:3

Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh...

1 Kings 9:6

But if you turn aside from following me, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them...

1 Chronicles 16:29-30a

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth...

2 Chronicles 7:3

When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 7:19

But if you turn aside and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them...

2 Chronicles 20:18-19

Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

2 Chronicles 29:29

When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.

Nehemiah 8:6

And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Job 1:20

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

Psalm 22:29

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Isaiah 19:21

And the LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day and worship with sacrifice and offering, and they will make vows to the LORD and perform them.

Isaiah 36:7

But if you say to me, "We trust in the LORD our God," is it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, "You shall worship before this altar"?

Isaiah 44:15, 17

Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it.... And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"

Jeremiah 13:10

This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing.

Jeremiah 16:11

...then you shall say to them: "Because your fathers have forsaken me, declares the LORD, and have gone after other gods and have served and worshiped them, and have forsaken me and have not kept my law..."

Jeremiah 22:9

And they will answer, "Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and worshiped other gods and served them."

Jeremiah 25:6

Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands.

Daniel 3:4-7, 10, 11

And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.... "You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace."

Matthew 2:11

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.

Matthew 4:9-10

And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Acts 10:25

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

Acts 13:2-3

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Romans 1:25

...because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

1 Corinthians 14:25

...the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

Revelation 4:10-11

...the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Revelation 5:14

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 7:11-12

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 11:16-17a

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying...

Revelation 19:4

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

Revelation 19:10

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that!"

Revelation 22:8-9

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."