

#3 "WHY WE WORSHIP - PART 1"

John 4:23-24 (NLT) But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

1. **Worshiping God involves _____ of us.**

Mark 12:30 (NLT) And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

WORSHIP INVOLVES:

- Physical expressions of honor, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God.
- Submission and surrender of our life to God—obedience to God.
- Sacrificial offerings of our life resources to God.
- Connection and cooperation with God's people in a worshiping community.
- Faithful and joyous service to God and His Church and Kingdom plans and purposes.

2. **Worship is for _____; it is also for _____.**

3. **Worship welcomes God's _____.**

- God is present everywhere—He is the omnipresent God.

Psalms 139:7 (NIV) Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?

- God comes—shows up—with His glorious presence in people, places and situations—reveals His manifest presence.

Exodus 33:15-16 (NIV) Then Moses said to Him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:18 (NLT) Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

Luke 5:17 (NIV) ... And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

- In worship we invite God into our life and life situations.

Exodus 25:22 (NLT) I will meet with you there and talk to you from above the atonement cover between the gold cherubim that hover over the Ark of the Covenant. From there I will give you my commands for the people of Israel.

Psalms 22:3 (KJV) But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

- When God's presence rests upon us, amazing things happen.

1 Samuel 5:2-3 (NLT) They carried the Ark of God into the temple of Dagon and placed it beside an idol of Dagon. But when the citizens of Ashdod went to see it the next morning, Dagon had fallen with his face to the ground in front of the Ark of the LORD! So they took Dagon and put him in his place again.

- In God's presence we experience His rich blessings.

1 Chronicles 13:13-14 (NLT) So David did not move the Ark into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. The Ark of God remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed the household of Obed-edom and everything he owned.

4. Worship _____ our heart.

Hosea 6:3 (NIV) Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

Hosea 10:12 (NLT) ... Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.

Matthew 13:23 (NLT) The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!