

Lesson
18**Exercise 4: Worship**

In this lesson we will consider what the Bible teaches about worship. With numerous religions in the world, there are also numerous types of worship. The worship of our great God is probably the most important part of our Christian walk. In John 4:23, we are told that God seeks our worship. As our creator and heavenly father, God is worthy of all glory, honor and praise. Worship allows us to express our love and devotion to him and gives us an opportunity to give him the glory he deserves.

To assist you in your study of this subject, read the following article, “What the Bible Teaches about Worship” and also read the response to the question, “Can you comment on public worship?” Both of these can be found on our web site, www.biblequestions.org under the section on “Worship.”

1. Using a Bible dictionary, list the three nouns and five verbs translated “worship” in the Greek New Testament along with their definitions. List at least one passage where the words are used.

Noun 1:

Noun 2:

Noun 3:

Verb 1:

Verb 2:

Verb 3:

Verb 4:

Verb 5:

2. List some of the differences in worship from the Old Law compared to the New Law (think of practices, day of worship, etc.).
3. Read John 4:19-26 and list at least two things we learn about worship from the conversation Jesus had with the woman at the well.

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4. List the five acts of worship that we read about in the New Testament and list a passage for each.

5. What should be our focus in public worship? What should our attitude and conduct be like during worship?

6. List some different practices that can be seen in the worship services of different denominations today. How do we know if these practices are acceptable to God?

7. What type of worship does God reject? Read Acts 17:22-31 and comment on the problem with the type of worship being offered by the Athenians.

8. What are some reasons why our worship might not be acceptable to God even in a scripturally arranged worship service?

9. Many churches today are offering traditional and contemporary worship services. What are the differences in these two types of services? Is it acceptable to offer different types of worship services to appeal to different age groups?

10. Some churches are offering a “children’s worship service” during the assembly. Perform a search of this term and list some reasons why this is practiced. Do you see anything wrong with this practice? List some passages that support your answer.

11. What is the difference between private and public worship? List some passages that support the principle of private worship.