

WORSHIP

The word worship, in both the Greek and Hebrew, basically means to bow down, to reverence, to pay homage to, to prostrate oneself before, etc. In essence, we humble and bow down as we submit to His will and direction, sacrificing our ways, our plans and our desires – not only at designated praise and worship times, but in our everyday lives. In other words, we acknowledge Him and let Him be Lord.

Matthew 4:10

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Begone, Satan!’ For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

Actually, the word ‘serve’ here, in Greek, means to render homage, minister to, to do the service, worship. So, the inference is that we are to worship Him with more than our lips or our instruments. Our daily lives are to be an acceptable sacrifice of worship to Him. Said another way, worship is a lifestyle.

Romans 12:1

“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship.”

We are also cautioned that worshipping with our mouth without confirming it with our actions/lives is not acceptable to the Lord. Not only is it not acceptable, it is a waste of time.

Matthew 15:8-9

“This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.”

So, we are to worship Him with our various forms of praise (Psalm 148, 149, 150);

Psalm 150:3-6

*“Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with harp and lyre.
Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.
Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”*

with the expressions of thanksgiving from our mouths;

Hebrews 13:15

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”

and also with a life that is a fragrant aroma to His nostrils.