

Worshiping God

(John 4:24)

Introduction:

1. Have you ever wondered what makes a car move?
2. Have you ever wondered why you worship God the way you do?
3. Ever have any questions about what worship is?
4. This morning and throughout this month topics will be discussed and information given that will peek your interest into God's design of worship.

I. Glancing at Words

- A. The Old Testament (Hebrew) word for worship is "*sahah*," meaning to bow down to, to prostrate.
 1. Prostrate means to bow down, to lie down.
- B. The New Testament (Greek) word for worship is "*proskyneo*," meaning to prostrate and to do obeisance to.
 1. Obeisance means to idolize, revere.

II. The Worship that You Do, Who is it Toward?

- A. Men may worship different material possessions, people, objects.
 1. (Exodus 32:8; I Kings 21:3; Acts 17:16; Acts 14:12-18)
- B. Where does the Bible say we are to worship God?
 1. "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." (Matthew 4:10)
 2. True worshipers will worship the Father (God). (John 4:23-24)

III. Meaning from Words

- A. What do the words and definitions of worship mean to you?
 1. It should mean something of respect, reverence, and tribute paid to God.
- B. Worship is a verb. It is something you do.
- C. Can you worship God wrong?
 1. The Bible describes vain worship. (Matthew 15:9)
 2. The Bible describes an ignorant (without knowing) worship. (Acts 17:23)
- D. Does the Bible describe a true worship? (John 4:24)

IV. Words for Your Life

- A. For you to dig deeper into the Scriptures to search and find things about worship, you must be willing.
- B. You must refer to the guidelines. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- C. Your quest must be for God's will, God's way. (Isaiah 55:8)
 1. If your quest leads you to worshiping your way, you need to change.

Conclusion:

1. As we search this month, search with an open mind and a truth seeking heart to make a truthful response.
2. You are able to know what God wants because God has given us his words.
3. God wants you to worship and be saved by the guidelines in His word – Will you?