

Worship-1

- I. Introduction.
- A. "Worship is..."
- B. God seeks true worshippers (True or False)?
- C. Which is/isn't worshipful?
- II. Scripture and Definitions.
- A. **Webster's Dictionary:** "1. a) Reverence or devotion for a deity; religious homage or veneration b) a church service of another rite showing this 2. Extreme devotion or intense love or admiration of any kind."
- B. **Biblical Words** (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek):
1. **c@gid** (Aramaic) {*seg-eed'*}: worship 12 (12 times in OT). 1) To prostrate oneself, do homage, worship 1a) (P'al) to do homage.
 2. **shachah** {*shaw-khaw'*}: worship 99, bow 31, bow down 18, obeisance 9, reverence 5, fall down 3, themselves 2, stoop 1, crouch 1, misc 3 (172 times in OT).
 3. **proskuneo** {*pros-koo-neh'-o*}: worship (60 times in NT). 1) To kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence 2) among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence 3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication 3a) used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank.
 4. **sebomai** {*seb'-om-ahee*}: worship 6, devout 3, religious 1 (10 times in NT). To revere, to worship.
 5. **doxa** {*dox'-ah*}: glory 145, glorious 10, honor 6, praise 4, dignity 2, worship 1 (168 times in NT).
 6. **latreuo** {*lat-ryoo'-o*}: serve 16, worship 3, do the service 1, worshipper 1 (21 times in NT).
 7. **eusebeo** {*yoo-seb-eh'-o*}: worship 1, show piety 1 (2 times in NT).
 8. **ethelothreskeia** {*eth-el-oth-race-ki'-ah*}: will worship 1 (1 time in NT). 1) Voluntary, arbitrary worship 1a) worship which one prescribes and devises for himself, contrary to the contents and nature of faith which ought to be directed to Christ 1b) said of the misdirected zeal and the practice of ascetics.
 9. **therapeuo** {*ther-ap-yoo'-o*}: heal 38, cure 5, worship 1 (44 times in NT). 1) To serve, do service 2) to heal, cure, restore to health.
 10. **sebazomai** {*seb-ad'-zom-ahee*}: worship 1 (1 time in NT). 1) To fear, be afraid 2) to honor religiously, to worship.
 11. **sebasma** {*seb'-as-mah*}: devotion 1, that is worshipped 2 (2 times in NT). 1) Whatever is religiously honored, an object of worship 1a) of temples, altars, statues, and idolatrous images.

12. **theosebēs** {*theh-os-eb-ace'*}: worshipper of God 1 (1 time in NT).
1) Worshipping God, pious.
13. **neokoros** {*neh-o-kor'-os*}: worshipper 1 (1 time in NT). 1) one who sweeps and cleans a temple 2) one who has charge of a temple, to keep and adorn it, a sacristan 3) the worshipper of a deity 3a) word appears from coins still extant, it was an honorary title [temple-keeper or temple-warden] of certain cities, esp. in Asia Minor, or in which some special worship of some deity or even some deified human ruler had been established; used of Ephesus.
14. **proskunetes** {*pros-koo-nay-tace'*}: worshipper 1 (1 time in NT). 1) A worshipper.
15. **threskeia** {*thrace-ki'-ah*}: religion 3, worshipping 1 (4 times in NT).
1) religious worship 1a) esp. external, that which consists of ceremonies 1a1) religious discipline, religion.

C. Select Scripture

1. **2 Chronicles 7:3**—*“And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, ‘For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.’”*
2. **Psa. 136**—*“...for His mercy endureth forever.”*

III. Application.

- A. Can you worship regardless of what happens in Church or others around you?
- B. How do you help make sure you worship when in church?
- C. Worshipful experience sharing.
- D. What is a true [Worshipper](#)?

IV. Further Study.

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