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Introduction - Definitions, Principles, and Concepts

John 4:22-24 ²² "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (NKJV)

I. What worship *isn't* - Misconceptions about worship

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

II. Definitions - what worship *is*:

A. Webster: - "showing honor or reverence to a divine being or supernatural power; to regard with great, even extravagant respect, honor or devotion."

- B. Old English - _____ - the ascribing of _____ to the object of our worship.
- C. Fuchsia Pickett, in "*Worship Him*", © 2000 by Fuchsia Pickett, Creation House - "The biblical pattern of worship is based on the surrender of the heart to the lordship of Christ. Without the heart reality of obedience and submission to the Word of God, we will never experience true worship in spirit and in truth....According to the scriptural pattern, this is the fundamental essence of worship: I bow my heart before God Almighty and acknowledge His supreme lordship over my life. The divine essence of worship is realized through total surrender of the worshiper to the One worshiped. Only as we choose to acknowledge God in all our ways (Proverbs 3:6) and give Him control of our lives and destinies can we become true worshipers of God."

III. The Call to Worship

A. Man created with an inherent need to _____

B. Old Testament evidences - worship seen throughout:

1.

2.

3.

C. New Testament exhortation from Jesus:

IV. Worship - the words used in Scripture

A. Old Testament:

B. New Testament:

C. First mention of "shacah" - Abraham

Genesis 18:2 - So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, (NKJV)

1. Sequence of events in Abram's life that brought him to that place:

a)

b)

c)

d)

2. First translated "worship" in Genesis 22:5 - concerning giving Isaac:

Genesis 22:5 - And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." (NKJV)

D. First mention of "proskuneo"

V. Fundamental Element of pure biblical worship _____

A.

B.

C.

VI. Why the big deal?

A. Because we often believe that we are to offer _____ to the Lord, to perform for Him, dance for Him, or play music for Him, when worship is intended to be _____

VII. Hindrances to Worship

A.

B.

C.

1. About _____

2. About _____

D.

E.

F.

NOTE: All of these hindrances begin to be overcome by a decision of the *will* - I *will* worship You. I will make a deliberate choice to command my soul to bow to, yield to, and obey the Holy Spirit within me: