

Thank You All





**For this Very Generous Gift
I Can Never Thank You Enough!!**

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Worship Myths Pt 2

Praise and Worship

A blue-toned background image featuring a dark silhouette of a cross standing on a dark, jagged base, possibly a hill. Above the cross is a large, luminous, ethereal figure with outstretched arms, rendered in shades of blue and white. The figure's body is composed of light rays and energy fields, creating a sense of divine presence and radiance. The overall mood is spiritual and uplifting.

God Designed His Creation to Worship Him

Rom 1:20

“For the invisible things of him from the Creation.... so that they are without excuse”

Rom 1:25

“changed the truth of God into a lie, worshipped / served the creature > the Creator”

Isa 55:12

“The mountains and hills will burst into song,/ the trees of the field will clap their hands!”

Whenever God Communes With Us..

...We Respond With

Thanksgiving.. Praise ..Worship

Praise WORSHIP



The Difference

Praise is...

- About God
- Opening Up
- Boldly Declaring

Praise Applauds
What...

...God Has Done

Worship is...

- to God
- Entering In
- Humbly Bowing

Worship is
Honoring...

...God for Who He Is

Our Purpose(goal) in Worship

Myth #1:
Worship is when we Talk about God

Truth #1:
Worship is when we Come into..
...the Presence of God

- **True “God Encounter”**

Psalm 22:3 (NASB77)

*Yet Thou art holy,
O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

The Product(result) of Worship

Myth #2:

True Worship Leaves Me Feeling Pleased

Truth #2:

True Worship Leaves God Feeling Pleased

Eph 5:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].

- **Many Christians believe that they are the audience; in truth, God is the Audience (of One)**

The Point of Focus in Worship

Myth #3:
In Worship, the Focus is on the Activity
(Performance Driven)

Truth #3:
In Worship, the Focus is on God
(Driven to Performance)

- **Worship is an Inside Job!**

The Pathway to Worship

Myth #4:

**True Worship Happens when the Music
and Message are Good**

- It Definitely Enhances but...**

Truth #4:

**True Worship Happens When We
Worship in Spirit / Truth**

- John 4:21-24**

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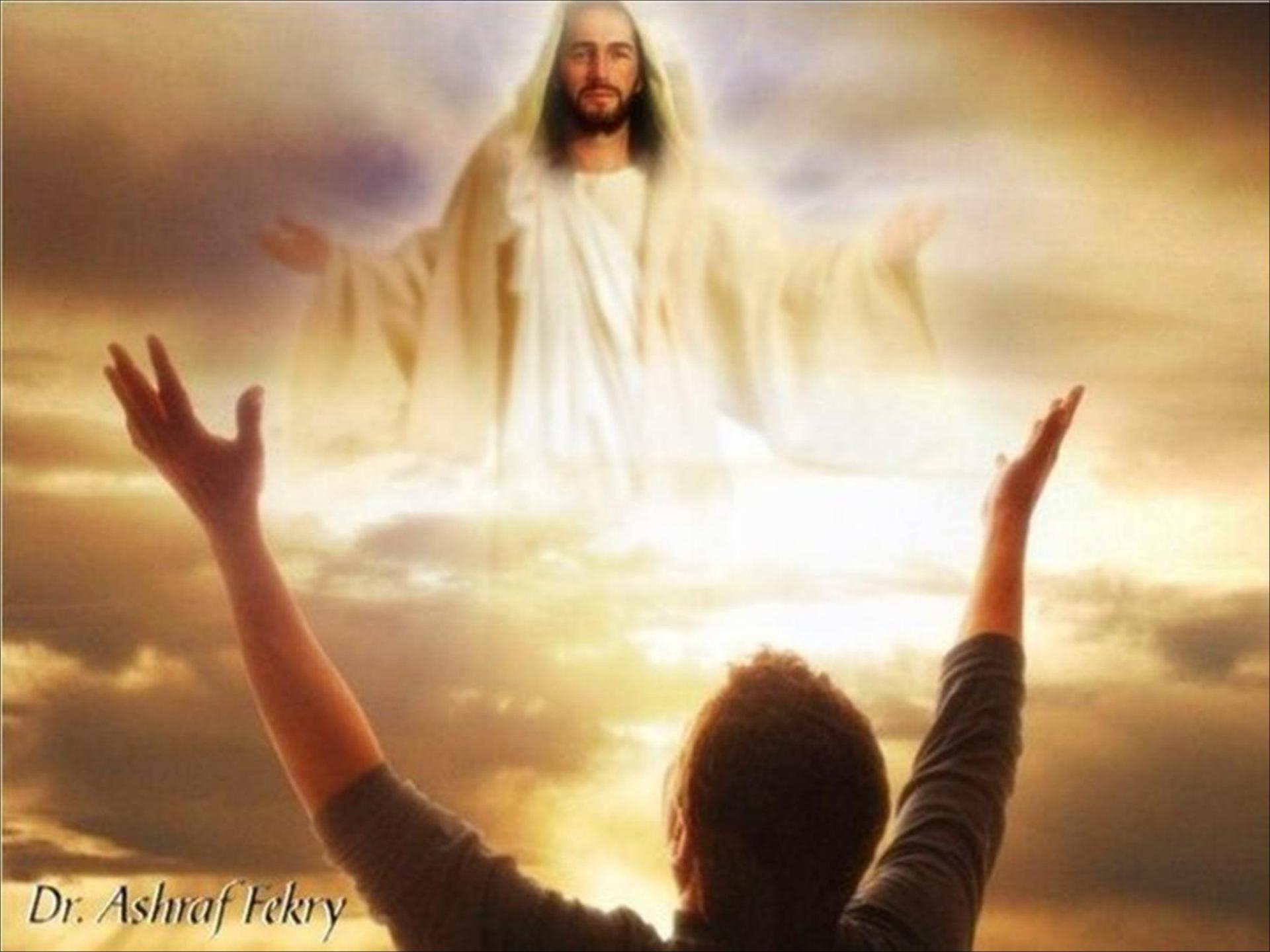
Worship in Truth= Foundation

...Beyond Human Reasoning

...Beyond Human Reaction

Our Preparation for Worship

Myth #5:
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Psalm 119:164 ,*“Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments”*

- **Worship Can Happen Anytime We are Open to the Reality and Presence of God.**

Worship

it's all about Him





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Our Passion for Worship

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Myth #6:

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Truth #6:

I'm willing to Worship if it's Me Alone

Psalm 103:1, *“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”*

Our Need for Worship

Myth #7:

Worship Does Not Affect my Life (not need it)

Truth #7:

Worship is a Life Altering Experience
(can't live without it)

Psalm 27:4 (NASV)

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, And to meditate in His temple.”

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"In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord Sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple .the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling w- smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, / I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, w- a burning coal in his hand which he had taken fr. the altar w-tongs. /he touched my mouth w- it / said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; /your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." -Isa 6:1-7 NASV

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Myth #8

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True Worship is...

- Personal
- Corporate
- Never Limited
- Always Pleasing
- Draws us Closer –to God / each other

#8- Our Style of Worship

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“Inside Job”

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God’s Heart is Touched...

...Ours is Lifted Up!

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not just **church** or **bible reading** or **prayer**.

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that brings glory to **God** .

It is what you have been created for,
and it brings **God** pleasure.

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing with their arms raised high in the air. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and dark pants. The background is a dark, cloudy sky filled with numerous bright stars of varying sizes. The overall mood is one of spiritual ascent and connection to the divine.

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I need to worship because without it...

I can forget that I have a big God beside me-live in fear.

I can forget his calling /begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.

I lose a sense of wonder/ gratitude/ plod through life with blinders on.

My natural tendency is toward self-reliance / stubborn independence.”

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