

Worshipping God in 2010

- Worship is the major issue in churches today
- Many would say that worship is:
 - What we do in church
 - Experiencing God
 - Feeling God's presence
 - Singing to God
 - Praising God
 - Engaging with God
- Many equate contemporary music/singing and worship
- Much of contemporary music is lacking correct theology
- Much of contemporary worship is geared toward the unsaved for the purpose of evangelism
- Worship for many is external and emotional
- How will we worship in 2010?
- First, we should worship with the *proper understanding*

- When we worship God we are to attribute the worth that is due to Him for 2 reasons:
 - We attribute worthiness to God *because of who He is*
 - We attribute worthiness to God *because of what He has done*
 - He has *created and sustains all things*
 - He has *redeemed and sustains His people*
- The meaning of two biblical words for worship:
 - Bowing to the ground (proskuneo)
 - Religious service (lutreuo)
- Two observations:
 - Worship is *responsive*
 - Worship is *transcendent*
- Some definitions of worship by godly men:
 - “Worship is the overflow of a grateful heart under a sense of divine favor”
 - “Worship is the outpouring of the soul at rest in

the presence of God”

- “Worship is the occupation of the heart, not with it’s own needs, or even with its own blessings, but with God Himself”
- “Worship is the upspring of the heart that has known the Father as Giver, the Son as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as the indwelling Guest”
- A short and long definition of worship for our study:
 - *Worship is the true believer’s response to the revelation of God*
 - *Worship is both a conscious event and a lifestyle where the true believer responds to the revelation of God in His person and works, bowing his heart to God as His Lord and Master, attributing to Him His due worth because of who He is and what He has done, and serving Him acceptably*

References

- Genesis 11:4
- 1 Samuel 16:23
- Daniel 3:7
- Revelation 4:11
- Psalm 40:2
- Colossians 1:13
- 1 John 3:2-10
- Revelation 5:9-10
- Exodus 12:27

- Exodus 20:5
- Genesis 24:26
- Joshua 5:14
- Job 1:20
- Psalm 95:6
- Isaiah 46:6
- Daniel 3:5-18
- Matthew 4:9
- 1 Corinthians 14:25
- Revelation 4:10
- Exodus 20:5
- Joshua 24:14
- Romans 12:1
- Luke 2:37
- Hebrews 12:28