

Worship

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." **Psalm 29:2**

"Authentic worship is not a narrowly-defined activity relegated to the Sunday morning church service—or restricted to any single time and place for that matter. Worship is any essential expression of service rendered unto God by a soul who loves and extols Him for who He is. Real worship therefore should be the full-time, nonstop activity of every believer and the aim of the exercise ought to be to please God, not merely entertain the worshiper." John McArthur

A few weeks ago we looked at Abraham and Isaac's worship experience when Abraham had been instructed to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to God. Here are some of the things we saw in Genesis 22:1–18:

- I. It is the offering of a _____ to God Vs 1–2
- II. It requires a heart attitude of _____ Vs 3
- III. Abraham _____ his family Vs 5–8a
- IV. Abraham expected to meet with God in a _____ way Vs 8b
- V. True worship requires a _____ with God, and keeping nothing back from God Vs 9–10
- VI. It is the interaction of God and the worshipper Vs 11–13
- VII. It brings definite _____ Vs 15–18

As we consider the Old Testament teaching concerning worship we learn:

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- A. Hebrew **שָׁחַ** *shāc' hāh*: A Hebrew verb used _____ times in the Old Testament.
- B. The word means to _____, to prostrate oneself, to crouch, to fall down, to _____ beseech, to do reverence, to worship.
 1. The primary meaning of the word is to bow down.
 2. This verb is used to indicate bowing before a monarch or a _____ and paying homage to him or her (Joseph's brothers **Genesis 43:28** They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves).

II. The word is used to indicate bowing down in humble _____ to the Lord.

- A. Abraham's servant when he was seeking a bride for Isaac (**Genesis 24:26** "The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD")
- B. Moses instructed the people of Israel that the one true God _____ was to be worshipped. (**Exodus 34:14** For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.)
- C. When Israel entered the promised land, Joshua instructed the people not to _____ with the nations remaining around them and not to bow down to or serve any of their gods. (**Josh. 23:7** That you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them,)
- D. _____ also interacted with a dream through which God spoke. When he overheard a man telling his friend a dream that the man had and its interpretation, he worshiped God (**Judg. 7:15** As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.")
- E. The psalmists used this word to describe all the _____ bowing down in worship to God as a response to His great power (**Ps. 66:4** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.); or bowing down in worship and kneeling before the Lord (**Ps. 95:6** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!)
- F. This act of worship is given to God because He _____ it and because those that are worshipping _____ His worthiness of being worshipped.

- G. Ultimately God will be the _____ object of worship by the world when He has destroyed all false gods. (**Zeph. 2:11** *The LORD will be awesome against them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth, and to him shall bow down, each in its place, all the lands of the nations.*)

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live forever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and he *is* the governor among the nations. **Psalm 22:22-27**