


Why WORSHIP?

EPHESIANS 5:18-19

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

(KJV)



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2) New Testament: “to make obeisance {respect towards another}, do reverence to.” (Matt. 4:10, John 4:24 (p 421))

“To revere” (Matt. 15:9, Mk 7:7 (p 421)).

“To honor religiously” (Rom. 1:25 (p 421)).

“To serve, to render religious service or homage.” (Phil. 3:3 (p 421)).

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- 1) John 4:24
 - a. Spirit = heart & soul.
 - b. Truth = using our mind and knowledge to worship as commanded.
- 2) Examples of Worshipping in Spirit & Truth.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
 - b. Ephesians 5:18-19

2) God is Worthy to be Praised!

A. God Must be the Only Object of Man's Worship:

- 1) Exodus 20:2-6
- 2) Psalms 115:1-8
- 3) Matthew 4:9-10

Deuteronomy 6:13-14

¹³You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you.”

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B. Because of Who He Is:

- 1) Acts 17:24-31
 - a. Vs. 24-25: “*who made the world and everything in it...*” “*gives to all life, breath, and all things.*”
 - b. Vs. 28-29: “*for in Him we live and move and have our being...*” “*we are the offspring of God...*”
 - c. Vs. 30-31: “*but now commands all men everywhere to repent...*” “*He will judge the world...*”

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“²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”

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B. How He Seeks It:

James 1:17 - “¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...”

1 Chronicles 29:14 - “...for all things come from You...”

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B. How He Seeks It:

- 1) Our Sacrifice to Him
- 2) Our Expression of Love

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