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What Is Worship?

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The word worship is found about 192 times in the Bible, 115 in the OT, and 73 in the NT. So worship must be a pretty important concept for us to understand, Amen? Many of us will think right away of the music when we think of worship. Music is important, but worship is not just music – it involves our entire relationship with God, all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. It involves *all* the ways in which we can respond to God, all the ways we can praise him by what we say and do, all the ways we can demonstrate that God is worthy of all praise and honor and allegiance.

In both Hebrew and Greek, there are two kinds of words for worship. The first kind is about body language, to bow down, to kneel, to put one's face down as an act of respect and submission. Our body language is saying, I will do whatever you want me to. I am ready to listen to your instructions and I am willing to obey. The second is about doing something for God that demonstrates sacrifice and obedience; to offer, to serve. Roughly half of the time these words are translated as worship, and the other half as serve. It carries the idea of doing something for God — making a sacrifice or carrying out his instructions.

Worship is a response to God. We can't know God's worth,

much less declare it, unless God reveals himself to us. It's an active response to the character, words and actions of God, initiated by His revelation and enabled by His redemption, whereby the mind is transformed, the heart is renewed, and actions are surrendered, all in accordance with His will and in order to declare His infinite worthiness.

So God *initiates* worship by revealing himself to us. Then we respond, and the proper response is worship. The more we grasp his greatness, his power, his love, his character, the more we understand his worthiness, the better we can *declare* his worth – the better we can worship.

Both the Old Testament and New Testament tell us that our relationship with God should involve our *heart, mind, soul, and strength*. It involves all that we are. Worship involves heart, mind, soul and strength, too.

Worship is not an effort to get God with us. It is a celebration of the fact that He is with us. Worship is about love, not flattery. The word "worship" has the word "worth" at its root. Worship is ascribing worth to God. It is telling Him in word or song that we value Him more than anything, and He is the Highest of all and the greatest of all. When we tell someone they are most important, it is not flattery. It is love.

Worship is an expression of our love relationship with God. In

worship we are giving to God not to get Him to do something for us, but because we love Him. Our gift to Him is not a bribe. We worship Him no matter what, because we love Him no matter what.

When Jesus conversed with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, He revealed to her an eternal truth that every true worshipper of God must understand. He said: "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 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. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:21-24)

When we really come to understand what that really means, we will have found the antidote to the spiritual emptiness that we all too often feel in our lives. Consider these three questions.

What does it mean to worship?

Worship is an exercise of the human spirit that is directed primarily to God. It is not simply to satisfy our need or to make us feel better, but to express the worthiness of God Himself.

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May 29 - June 1, 2014

Rector:

Ernie Garrett

Send-off:

Thurs., May 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., May 31 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 1 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #68 Women's:

June 5 - 8, 2014

Rector:

Elaine Doering

Send-off:

Thurs., June 5 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 8 • 5:00 p.m.

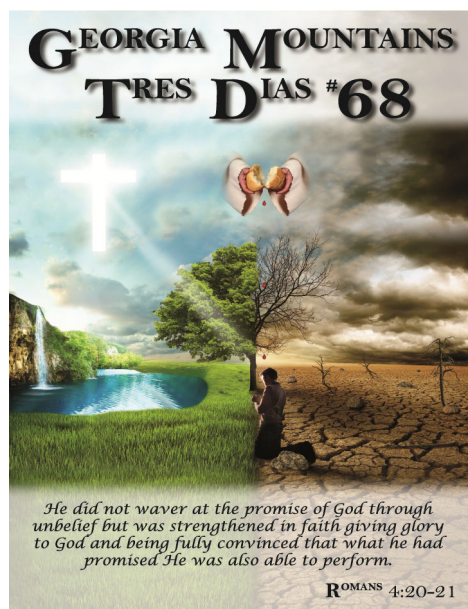
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GMTD #68 Men's

May 29 - June 1, 2014

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 Kitchen Heather Wilson
 Kitchen Carolyn Williams
 Kitchen Laura Piper
 Kitchen Jessica Kastner
 Kitchen Shona Purcell
 Kitchen Kelly Moody
 Kitchen Sandra Glass
 Kitchen Beth Taylor
 Kitchen Susan Edmiston
 Kitchen Patty Williams
 Kitchen Donna Posey
 Kitchen Wanda Bryant
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 Kitchen Doris Foster
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What Is Worship?

To worship God is to ascribe to Him supreme worth, for He is uniquely worthy to be honored in this way.

John MacArthur, Jr. describes Worship as: "That consuming, selfless desire to give to God is the essence and the heart of worship. It begins with the giving first of ourselves, and then of our attitudes, and then of our possessions -- until worship is a way of life." The emphasis in true worship is on giving, not receiving, and it's giving the best we have, not the left-overs.

All throughout the Old Testament, God demanded the very best from His people: the firstlings of the flock, the firstborn of man and animal, the firstfruit of the harvest. It is only when we come to realize that worship is a selfless act of giving and when we give selflessly to our God that worship will be the meaningful experience for us that we and God want it to be.

What does it mean to worship in spirit?

Jesus said that true worshippers will worship God in spirit. It does not mean worship that is necessarily "spirited" (i.e. enthusiastic, excited, etc.). The "mood" of worship will be dependent upon the attitude of the heart. At times the heart will be joyous and excited as was the case when Miriam and the women of Israel worshipped God following their deliverance from the Egyptian army (Ex. 15:20-21). At other times the heart may be sorrowful and subdued as surely must have been the case when David worshipped God following the death of his infant son (2 Sam. 12:19-20). In these two examples of worship, the "mood" was very different, but the worship was acceptable in both cases.

It doesn't mean worship is some kind of mysterious, esoteric, intangible experience that one cannot understand or explain to other people. Worshipping in spirit simply refers to worship that emanates from the spirit. True worship then is worship from the inside out, it comes from within.

What does it mean to worship in truth?

Jesus also said that the true worshipper will worship God in truth. This means that acceptable worship will be circumscribed by the precepts of God's word.

Since the very beginning of time God has revealed His will concerning the kind of

worship that He will accept from His creation, and He has repeatedly judged those who failed to worship Him according to His word. Therefore, the only way that we can acceptably worship God today is to worship Him according to His word. That means that we must worship the right object -- God, not men (Acts 10:26), not idols (1 Jn. 5:21), not demons (1 Cor. 10:19-22), not angels (Rev. 22:8-9), not Satan. Jesus said: "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve" (Mt. 4:10).

When we come to truly understand what it really means to worship...God...with our spirits...in truth, above everything else God will be pleased, and that is the most important thing, but our lives will also be transformed. May God help us all to be the true worshippers who will worship in spirit and in truth.

Preparing yourself for WORSHIP

When we are getting ready to worship the Lord, we must prepare ourselves, to pave the way for the Holy Spirit to do something incredible with our lives. So how do we prepare ourselves for worship?

Address the condition of our hearts - Everything we say and do comes out of our hearts. When angry words escape our lips, anger is dwelling in our hearts. When we lie or gossip, we are harboring deceit and a critical spirit. So then, when we enter the church service and begin singing to the Lord without first addressing these things, we are being false. When you sing along with the worship band, are the words on your lips truly a representation of what is in your heart?

Identify what distracts us - Jesus wants our attention and He wants to spend time with us. So put your cell phone aside and let go of the conversations you are rehearsing in your head. Sit at His feet and let His presence captivate you.

Have the right focus in order to fully worship Him - Do we really grasp the magnitude of what God has done for us? He willingly sent his only son to die and cover the penalty for our wrongdoing, even knowing that we will continue to sin. Think about all the sin in our world! Jesus lays down His perfect, holy, sinless life to cover it all. This kind of love is out of the realm of our comprehension.

When we fully understand how much the Savior loves us and what His death and resurrection really mean, worship will be unavoidable. So when you come before Him, clear your mind of distractions. Think about His great love and unmatched character. Focus on worshipping the Creator of the universe!

I want to leave you with 4 steps to prepare your heart for Worship based on Hebrews 10:22.

1. Sincere Heart - Reduce/Remove Distractions: Turn off the TV, radio, cell phone, and avoid arguments or foolish conversations before engaging in worship.

2. Assured Heart - Tell God how great He is and how grateful you are for Him, knowing He fully accepts your worship.

3. Humble Heart - Remember that you are unworthy to be in His presence but can draw near because of what Christ has done on your behalf.

4. Clean Heart - Confess sin that has been revealed in your life and ask God if anything else needs to be addressed before engaging in worship.

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Tres Dias Teams

Interested in serving on a Tres Dias team?

Go to www.gmtd.org or come to the next Secuela to sign up!

Upcoming Weekends

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias Single Women #9:
July 31 - Aug. 3, 2014

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #69 Men's:
Sept. 25 - 28, 2014

Women's:
Oct. 2 - 5, 2014

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT: The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.org. Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple
George & Gail Drake
2638 Waters Edge Drive
Gainesville, GA 30534

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Gail at 770-318-4851 C or 770-718-1052 H.

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (*Burning CDs of copyrighted music is a violation of copyright laws, and burned CD's of copyrighted music cannot be accepted as palanca.*)

Table Palanca – 6 tables, minimum of 65 individual items.

Bed Palanca – 45 for candidates, 80 for team. Team members may receive individual

bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 125 place settings.

Oven Palanca – Please drop off at the Palanca room, not the kitchen.

Palanca Letters – Write the candidate's name on the letter and in the left upper corner write who the letter is from: sponsor, husband, wife, friend, etc. Letters from family and friends need to be at the camp no later than Saturday night. The earlier the better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S PROGRESS at www.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

SPONSORS Please remember to stay with your candidate until they have been completely checked in during their weekend and all information and fees have been provided.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!
If your address, phone number or e-mail has

changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Lisa Mitchell at:

records-database-manager@gmt.readyhosting.com,
or 770-842-5423, or go to
www.gmt.org/PescadoreUpdateForm.

The database is confidential and for GMTD use only to contact sponsors, team members, rector nominees, secretariat nominees, and for general GMTD purposes.

REMINDERS FROM THE SECRETARIAT: Weekend rosters are confidential and are not to be used for solicitations or anything other than Tres Dias. The Secretariat would also like to remind you that it is inappropriate to bring children to send-off, closing, serenade or secuelas. Further, only those that have attended a recognized 3-day weekend may attend Tres Dias functions. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

Vida Nueva



Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young men and women ages 15-20. Vida Nueva is Spanish for "New Life" and like the Tres Dias, VN weekends are intended as an encounter with Jesus Christ. The weekends are similar to the structure of a Tres Dias weekend with certain changes to make it more relevant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$80. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvn.net. A group of teens who have made a Vida Nueva weekend recently put together a video to tell what VN has meant to them. The video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DNV99f2Hko. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next set of weekends are November 6 - 9, 2014 for the Young Women and November 13 - 16, 2014 for the Young Men.

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Find e-mail contact info at www.gmt.org

It Keeps Getting Better...

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius-the Pilot.