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True Worship

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I. ... originates from true worshippers

John 4:20-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Worship defined

“Worthship” (old English),

- * a word which denotes the **worthiness** of the one receiving the special honour or devotion.

Worship (greek) = *proskuneo*

- * to grovel or crouch
- * to prostrate oneself in homage, show adoration (love, idolise), homage (respect, tribute) rendered to God
- * to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand



2. Is worshipping in Spirit

True worship was that which occurred under the inspiration of God's Spirit

Philippians 3:3

... we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh...

3. Is worshipping in truth

True worship is motivated solely by love and adoration for God

True worship is directly opposite to the 'spirit of self'

Worship is not...

- a) Our personal feelings
- b) Our opportunity to get "fixed."
- c) US to receive heavenly revelation
- d) US to practice religious rituals
- e) Our experience
- f) Our cultural expression

We receive a lot of good in worship but this cannot be the reason for our worship

4. Is unlocking God's heart with the key of David

Revelation 3:7-10

*“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:
These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the
key of David.”*

The key of David opens God's heart

Acts 13:22

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

The key of David is the passionate pursuit of the heart of God with the sole intention of knowing his heart.

5. **Worship is a privilege**

2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-23

So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. ¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David (Jerusalem or Zion), Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-23 cont

When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

Attitude toward worshipping the King

David

Concerned with worshipping God with all his strength

Matthew 22:38

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Made a spirit connection

Honoured the Lord with his worship

Freedom in Spirit

Spirit full of life

Brought life to the nation

Approached God in humility and savoured the opportunity and privilege to worship

Michal

Concerned with image, outward, looks, religion, others, feelings

Earthly connection

Dishonoured David and the Lord in her heart

Attacked the worship of God, attempted to shut down the Holy Spirit

Spirit in death

Lost ability to reproduce life only death came from her

No honour for worship. Did not see it as a privilege, delight

6. Establishing worship as central to all things

- ✿ The 'ark of the covenant' represented the presence of God.
- ✿ David established worship on Mount Zion (Jerusalem)
- ✿ He established the Lords presence on top of Israel
- ✿ Worship tops the divine order