

Why Worship God?

1. Because we must **Psalm 14:2**
2. Because He went first **1 John 4:19**
3. Because We owe Him **Acts 17:25**



AFTER SIN ENTERED THE WORLD CAME "WORSHIP"

“And in the process of time it came to pass that **Cain brought an offering** of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. **Abel also brought** of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. **And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering”** (**Genesis 4:2-5**).

“By faith **Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain**, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks” (**Hebrews 11:4**).

Proper Worship Presents A Sinner Before God!

“Then **Noah built an altar to the LORD**, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and **offered burnt offerings on the altar**. And **the LORD smelled a soothing aroma**. Then the LORD said in His heart, ‘I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done’” (**Genesis 8:20-21**).

1. “An altar” is an elevated place for sacrifice.
2. “Burnt offerings” completely consume the offering.
3. “A soothing aroma” is the satisfaction of God.

Abram Learned From Noah

“Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And **there he built an altar to the LORD**, who had appeared to him” (**Genesis 12:7**)...“And **he moved from there** to the mountain east of Bethel...**there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD**” (**Genesis 12:8**)

1. Abram’s “altar” was for one purpose only (“to the LORD”).
2. Abram moved nowhere without having “an altar.”

Abraham Had No Substitute For "Worship"

Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and **offer him there as a burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you"... And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will **go yonder and worship**, and we will come back to you'... And **Abraham built an altar there**" (**Genesis 22:2-9**).

1. "Burnt offering" used the sacrifice completely.
2. "Go yonder and worship" shows Abram's entire life did not take the place of "worship."
3. "Built an altar there" shows "worship" needed a place.

Jacob/Israel Continued Worship

“So Israel took his journey **with all that he had**, and came to Beersheba, and **offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac**”

(**Genesis 46:1**).

1. Offering sacrifices thanked God for all Israel had.
2. Nothing “offered” to anyone else is the same.
3. God’s Law to the Israelites included “worship.”

**When God Chose His People Under Moses' Law,
He Specified What Sacrifices He Would Accept**

Worship For Whom? Exodus 1-24-The LORD only

Where? Exodus 25-40-Tabernacle

What? Leviticus 1-8-Kinds of Sacrifices

Who Offers? Leviticus 9-10-Priests only

Why? Leviticus 11-27-Atone for Sins

God's People Under Jesus Christ Must Worship

After Sins Are Forgiven Acts 2:36-38

Worship Is To Thank God Acts 2:41-42

Christian Worship Must Include:

The Saved: "you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5)

Thanksgiving: "while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God"

(2 Corinthians 9:11)

Christian Worship Must Have:

Old

Hand-made

Dead

Law of Moses

versus

Altar

Sacrifice

Life

New

1 Peter 3:15

Revelation 5:6;

Romans 12:1

Colossians 3:17

**“For we are the circumcision, who worship God
in the Spirit” **Philippians 3:3****

And Every Time We Neglect An Opportunity To Worship God, We Show Our Ingratitude

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some**, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Paul's Life Summarized

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **I have fought** the good fight, **I have finished** the race, **I have kept** the faith. **Finally, there is laid up for me** the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and **not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing”** (**2 Timothy 4:6-8**).