

Discovering the Essence of Worship
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Scripture References:

- Proverbs 21:2
- Proverbs 21:2, *NLT*
- Mark 7:13
- Hebrews 13:15, *NLT*
- Genesis 14:22
- Genesis 22:5
- 1 Corinthians 14:25
- John 4:21-23
- Matthew 15:8, 9
- Matthew 15:8, 9, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 2:8
- Romans 12:1

Summary:

As Christians, we must understand the difference between following religious tradition and genuinely worshipping God with our whole hearts. Putting too much emphasis on what we've traditionally done can severely impede our spiritual growth and blind us to what really matters to Him. Worship is more than just singing, clapping, or raising our hands on Sunday; it's about reverence to God and placing a greater value on Him than on anyone or anything else. In this respect, worship is what we do every moment of every day.

Notes:

1. We mustn't become so entrenched in our own doings and traditions that we're unwilling to change when confronted with Scriptures that say otherwise. Whatever philosophies we follow are less important than what God sees in our hearts.
2. Worship is defined as ascribing worth; it is placing value on God. Placing a greater value on anything or anyone else is idolatry. True worship is allying ourselves with God and intimately communing with Him.
3. Genuine worship isn't just music or songs, but a commitment to remain loyal to God. To be pleasing to Him, our hearts must be involved in worship. Lip service isn't enough.
4. Worship is a product of the heart, not a product of practice, training, or tradition. It involves giving allegiance to God from our hearts; it is an inner God-ward experience of the heart.
5. Worship that doesn't come from the heart is actually not worship at all. The kind of worship God wants requires a daily loyal commitment to Him that guides how we live our lives.

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