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Worship

Romans 12:1-2, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Goal of our salvation is to worship God.

People worship many things.

People worship the nature.

Romans 1:25, *who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

More than 35,000 people a year make the inconvenient trek to Nepal's Mount Everest, 4.5 million to the Grand Canyon, 3.5 million to Yosemite, and 30 million to Niagara Falls. Deep down, we crave awe.

People worship themselves.

Isaiah 2:6-9, For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They are soothsayers like the Philistines, And they are pleased with the children of foreigners. ⁷Their land is also full of silver and gold, And there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, And there is no end to their chariots. ⁸Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made. ⁹People bow down, And each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them.

2 Timothy 3:1-3, *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,*

Worshiping self has crept into the churches now.

Most of the songs are worshiping self not God.

Look at the lyrics!

How to do proper worship?

1. Thanksgiving.

Psalms 100:4-5, *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

whenever we worship God, we enter His presence.

When we pray to God, we enter into a personal relationship with the Father.

Whether we pray to give thanksgiving or cry out with sadness, the gates of His presence are open to His children.

Psalms 107:1, *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*

Psalms 92:1-4, *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; ²To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, ³On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound. ⁴For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.*

2. Confessional and Repentance Songs.

When you come to worship God make sure there is nothing hindering in your relationship with God.

Sing songs of repentance.

Sing songs of confession.

3. Praise God

Praise is the joyful recounting of all God has done for us.

It is closely intertwined with thanksgiving as we offer back to God appreciation for His mighty works on our behalf.

Praise does not require anything of us. It is merely the truthful acknowledgment of the righteous acts of another.

Since God has done many wonderful deeds, He is worthy of praise.

Psalms 9:1-2, I will praise *You*, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvellous works. ²I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Psalms 28:7, *The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.*

Psalms 18:3, *I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

Praise can be a part of worship, but worship goes beyond praise.

4. Attributes of God.

Make a small maximum of 5 minutes explanation about the attributes of God.

God is love.

God is Almighty.

God is Omnipotent.

God is Omnipresent.

God is Sovereign.

5. Worship.

Worship should be reserved for God alone.

Luke 4:8, *And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "*

Worship is the art of losing self in the adoration of another.

Praise is easy; worship is not.

Worship gets to the heart of who we are.

To truly worship God, we must let go of our self-worship.

We must be willing to humble ourselves before God, surrender every part of our lives to His control, and adore Him for who He is, not just what He has done.

Worship is a lifestyle, not just an occasional activity.

John 4:23, *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.*

Praises can be noisy clapping and outburst of emotional.

Worship is done so differently.

Psalms 96:9, *Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

Psalms 95:6, *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

2 Chronicles 29:22-30, *And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the Lord by His prophets. ²⁶The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ²⁷Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel. ²⁸So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. ²⁹And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped. ³⁰Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.*

Revelation 19:10, *And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

Whose songs you select?

The songs must be scriptural!

Don't fall for the tunes and emotional things.

Why don't we song some of the so-called worship leaders song?

We ought to see their life and what they have done.

Every word has their own anointing.

Just because some vada is in the ditch we don't pick up and eat it.

There are so many wonderful Tamil songs written by saints who lived a holy and sacrificial life.

Don't pick all those nonsense songs which you see on the YouTube.