

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are all keenly aware of the Reality of Evil!!
 - a) Satan is full of animus toward God!!
 - b) And he hates God!!!
 - c) He hates the story of redemption!!
2. There is no neutral ground in the universe!!!
 - a) Every square inch & every split second is being claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.
3. **Very Important:** *Angels are dispatched to serve believers.*
 - a) **2 Kings 6:8-10, 11-14, 15, 16-19**
4. **WOW!!! 2 Chronicles 20:13-23**
 - a) **"worship"** - To ascribe value
 - b) **"praise"** - to proclaim the glorious attributes of God.
5. **FACT:** *Everybody is a worshipper!* Everybody worships something!!!
6. **"Self-Worship is the World's Fastest Growing Religion"**
 - a) **86% percent** of Americas believe that to enjoy yourself you must **"pursue the things you desire most"**
 - b) **91% percent** affirm this statement - **"To find yourself, look within yourself."**
7. **Self-Worship - is the world's fastest growing religion!!!**
8. **SIX COMMANDS OF SELF-WORSHIP**
 - #1 - "Your mind is the source and standard of truth."**
 - #2 - "Your emotions are authoritative."**
 - #3 - "You are sovereign"**
 - #4 - "You are supreme"**
 - #5 - "You are the summum bonum" - (the highest good)**
 - a) You are the standard of goodness
 - #6 - "You are the creator" - a) So craft your own identity and purpose.**
9. You and I were saved to Worship.
 - a) **Luke 19:10**
 - b) **John 4:23**

THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

1. To answer this question we must first look at worship's foundation.
 - a) **Leviticus 1:1-9**
 - b) **Leviticus 22:17-22**
2. **Worship Means "to declare worth."**
 - a) **So when we worship God we are declaring his worth.**
 - 1) What is he worth to you?
3. It is when you discover God's worth and value that you ARE able to express worship, not just through words, but through your very life.
4. That's what **Bible Study** is all about!!!!
 - a) In Bible study I discover what God wants of me!!
 - b) **How I respond to His message is my Worship to Him.**

II. HOW SHOULD I WORSHIP

1. **Remember** - Worship means: **"to declare worth."** To attribute value.
2. **Unacceptable Worship.**
 - a) The worship of **false gods**. (Allah; Budda; etc.)
 - b) The worship of the true God **in a self-styled manner**. (Images, etc.)
 - c) The worship of the true God in the right way **with the wrong attitude**.
3. **Acceptable Worship.**
 - a) **John 4:16-24**

A. WE SHOULD WORSHIP IN SPIRIT

1. Vs 23
 - a) **"in spirit"**
 - 1) That is the human spirit; the inner person.
 - 2) **Psalm 51:15-17b**

B. WE SHOULD WORSHIP IN TRUTH

1. Vs 23
 - a) **"and in truth"**
 - 1) You cannot worship God in **"spirit"** - if you are ignorant of **"truth"**
 - 2) **Psalm 145:18**
 - 3) **Psalm 86:11**

2. *Expository preaching - is absolutely essential to worship.*
3. The Bible tells me that you worship by the way you live your life!!!!

4. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP

- a) *Romans 12:1-2* Honoring God with our lives.
- b) *Romans 14:13-18* Being sensitive to a weaker brother
- c) *Romans 15:16* Evangelism
- d) *Philippians 4:18* Giving to those in need
- e) *Ephesians 5:8-10* Bearing fruit
- f) *1 Timothy 2:2-3* Praying for those in authority
- g) *Hebrews 13:15-16* Thanksgiving and praise

5. HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF US

- a) **Worship according to Real, Sincere, Biblical, Truth.**
 - 1) **Do you know God:** Attributes; Theology
 - 2) **Worship is directly related to how we respond to the truth of God's Word.** (Remember we must have a Biblical Worldview)
- b. **True worship is not about activity. It's about authenticity.**

6. *John 4:23*

- a) *"the Father is seeking such to worship him"*

III. WHY SHOULD WE WORSHIP?

1. **John MacArthur says:** *"Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself."*

2. We are to be consumed with the glory of God!

- a) *1 Corinthians 10:31*

3. Our purpose and why we are to worship is to view all aspects of life through eyes that are filled with the wonder and glory of God's attributes.

4. *Psalms 29:1-2*

A. TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE

1. We worship because we are thankful.

2. *Psalm 100:1-5*

3. *Hebrews 12:28*

B. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE HE MADE US

1. *Romans 11:36*

2. *Revelation 4:11*

3. *Romans 16:4*

4. *1 Peter 2:9*

C. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE OF HIS COMING JUDGMENT

1. *Romans 1:18-28*

a) *"God gave them up"*

2. *Revelation 19:11-16*

3. *Revelation 20:11-15*

CONCLUSION:

1. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

2. *How to glorify God.*

a) *1 John 1:9*

1) Confess sin

b) *Romans 4:20*

1) Living by faith in God

c) *Colossians 1:10*

1) Bearing fruit