

## MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

*"Let's Get Worship Straight"*

2024

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The concept of worship dominates the Bible!!
2. The Wise Men traveled 1-2 years to WORSHIP.
  - a) Worship is something done or given in acknowledging the WORTH or VALUE of another.
  - b) The Wise Men knew that Jesus was WORTHY of their WORSHIP.
  - c) That Jesus was WORTHY of their inconvenience.
    - 1) Jesus was WORTH the trip.
3. **Revelation 4:11**
  - a) "**worthy**" - deserving, worth, value
4. **Matthew 22:34-38**
  - a) **Vs 38**
    - 1) "*This is the first and greatest commandment.*"
5. **Worship** - is "*to declare worth.*"
6. **Worship is the believer's highest priority in life.** It is our **#1 Purpose** in life.
  - a) It is the very reason we exist!!
7. Worship is not optional!!! **Matthew 4:10**

### I. THE FOUNDATION OF WORSHIP

1. The **foundation** WORSHIP is **REDEMPTION**.
  - a) **Luke 19:10**
  - b) **John 4:23**
2. We have been REDEEMED (Saved, Born Again) to WORSHIP God!!!
  - a) **To GLORIFY HIM!!**
    - 1) To Glorify means to put on display.
3. **Romans 1:5 WOW!!!!!!**
4. We are to, as a FIRST PRIORITY, to Glorify Christ by sharing the GOOD NEWS!!
  - a) *All other blessings that we receive are an additional benefit!!!!*
  - b) We are to seek to glorify God before we seek to gain anything from Him.

5. *John 3:16*

6. *Matthew 4:8-10*

7. **Psalm 22**

- a) This Psalm is a wonderful prophetic look @ the Crucifixion of Christ.
  - 1) Vs 1-2
  - 2) Vs 6-8 (The humiliation of Christ on the Cross)
  - 3) Vs 13-18
- b) To what purpose did Christ die?
  - 1) Vs 22-23 WOW!!!
- c) What is to be our PROPER RESPONSE to the death of Christ on our behalf?
  - 1) PRAISE
  - 2) GLORIFY
  - 3) HOLY AWE
- d) WORSHIP IS THE ESSENCE OF THE MATTER
  - 1) Vs 25-27

II. THE GOAL OF WORSHIP

A. IS TO BE ACCEPTABLE

1. *Exodus 30:34-36*

- a) This is a prescription for the incense to be used in worship services

2. The Outward Dimension of Worship

a) *Romans 14:13-18*

- 1) How we treat other believers is an act of worship.

b) *Romans 15:15-17*

- 1) Evangelism is a form of acceptable WORSHIP.
- 2) *2 Corinthians 2:14-17*

c) *Philippians 4:18*

- 1) Giving to those in need.
- 2) *1 Thessalonians 2:8-9*

3. The Inward Dimension of Worship

a) *Ephesians 5:8-10*

- 1) Our Spiritual Behavior
- 2) "pleasing" - acceptable

b) *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

#### 4. The Upward Dimension of Worship

- a) *Hebrews 13:15-16*
- b) *Ephesians 5:19-21*
- c) *Psalm 47:1*

5. Worship is an act celebrating our personal relationship with Jesus.

#### 6. Deuteronomy 6:5 says,

- a) *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

### B. TO COMMIT MY WHOLE LIFE TO GOD

#### 1. *Romans 12:1-2*

#### 2. Two things about Worship:

- a) *Worship is my response to God's love...*

##### 1) Vs 1

- a) *"by the mercies of God"*

2) God created us, He saves us, He forgives us, He blesses us, He protects us. **All of these things are why we worship.**

- b) *And giving of myself.*

##### 1) Vs 1

- a) *"to present your bodies"*

2) Worship is the way that I react to God's love.

4. **QUESTION:** *"So what do I give to God who has everything?"* My LIFE

#### 5. *Mark 12:30*

- a) *"heart"* - all your emotions
- b) *"soul"* - means all of your **person**
- c) *"mind"* - means all of your **intellect**
- d) *"strength"* - you physically, all your abilities

### C. TO STAY FOCUSED

1. It is focusing my mind; my thoughts; and my attention on God.

#### 2. *Psalm 139:1-3*

3. There are two reasons of our being distracted:

a) We are self-centered!!!

1) **Romans 8:7**

b) and we live in a self-centered world.

1) **Romans 12:2**

4. We must make a choice to spend time alone with God. (Quiet Time)

a) **Matthew 6:6**

5. A choice to develop a constant conversation with God

a) **Psalm 105:2-4**

b) **Isaiah 26:3**

1) "You keep him in perfect peace"

a. Without peace it's (Worry, insecurity, anxiety, guilt, fear, and discouragement, all accompany self)

2) **However, when our focus is on God** all of a sudden I am overwhelmed with peace; gratitude, hope, confidence and love.

### III. WORSHIP IS EXPRESSING MY AFFECTION TO GOD

1. **QUESTION:** When was the last time you told God you loved Him?

2. God wants you to know Him and love Him.

a) **WHY?** Because at the end of the day you were created to worship!!

3. **Exodus 34:14** WOW!!!!

4. **Romans 6:13-14**

4. Worship is always the response to God's love for us.

### CONCLUSION: Mark Driscoll: Definition of Worship

*"Worship is the continuous outpouring of all that I am, all that I do and all that I can ever become....."*

*"Our worship never starts and stops. It's not limited to a building in which we attend sacred meetings and sing worship songs. Rather our entire life is devoted to pouring ourselves into someone or something."*

*"In the eyes of God, our choices, values, expenditures, words, actions, and thoughts, are all acts of worship. They make up our identity. The only question is; what is your object of worship?"*