

Examples of Worship – 1

Examples to Consider

1. Worship by Abraham and his servant
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Worship by Abraham and his servant

Gen 22:1-14 - Worshiping God means that He is elevated _____ everything and everyone else. Worshiping God means that there are _____ requests God can make of us that we won't follow. Sometimes worship requires _____ and work. Abraham got up early and split wood in preparation to worship God.

Although serving God and worshiping God go together, they are not _____ synonymous.

Gen 24:10-63 - The first thing Abraham's servant did when he arrived in Mesopotamia was to **pray**. He asked the Lord to help him find a wife for Isaac.

Gen 24:21 - The next thing Abraham's servant did was to _____ and allow the Lord time to answer his prayer.

Gen 24:26 *Then the man **bowed down his head and worshiped** the Lord. 27 And he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren." ... 48 And I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left." 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you either bad or good. 51 Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken." 52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the Lord, **bowing himself to the earth**. 53 Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.*

Abraham's servant worshiped and _____ the Lord while bowing Himself to the earth.

When a man blesses God, He is _____, worshipping, and thanking Him for what He has done for him.

The children of Israel leaving Egypt

Ex 4:29-31 *Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. 30 And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 So the people **believed**; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped. NKJV*

They worshiped because God took _____ of them.

They worshiped because they saw the _____ God gave Aaron.

Ex 12:21-28 *Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. 24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. 25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. 26 And it shall be, when your children say to*

you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.'" **So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.** 28 Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. NKJV

They worshiped after seeing the first _____ plagues.

They worshiped _____ the tenth plague.

Ex 20:1-6 And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 **you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.** For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

God wanted His people to remember that He was the one who delivered them from slavery, and He was the only one _____ of their worship.

Since God is a jealous God, we should only bow down and _____ Him.

Bow down - OT:7812 - shachah (shaw-khaw'); a primitive root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (especially reflexive, in homage to royalty or God) (Strong's Concordance)

Serve - OT:5647 `abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc. (Strong's Concordance)

Ex 7:16-18 And you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear! 17 Thus says the Lord: "By this you shall know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. NKJV

God brought them out of the land of Egypt, so they could _____ Him. (Ex 4:23; 8:1,20; 9:1,13; 10:3,7,11,24,26; 12:31)

Ex 24:1-11 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. 2 And Moses alone shall come near the Lord, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him." 3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the Lord has said we will do." 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words." 9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. NKJV

God called certain men up to the mountain to worship Him from _____.

That worship included offering sacrifices, reading the Book of the Covenant, and making a _____ to serve God.

The children of Israel under Moses

Ex 32:4 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!

10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." NKJV

Worshiping includes giving _____ for deliverance or blessings.
In the Old Testament worship included offering animal _____.

Ex 33:10-11 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. NKJV

When the Israelites recognized God's presence, the people _____ and worshiped.
In this passage we find that it is appropriate to _____ while worshiping. Bowing or lying prostrate on the ground is not the only proper position of worship.

Ex 34:8-17 8 So Moses made haste and **bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.** 9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." 10 And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. 11 **Observe what I command you this day.** Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. 12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images 14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), 15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, 16 and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. 17 "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves. NKJV

God appeared to Moses and described Himself as "The Lord, the Lord God, _____ and gracious, longsuffering, and _____ in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

After hearing God's description of Himself, He bowed his head and worshiped. Moses knew that God was _____ of worship!

Moses also understood that the Israelites were _____ of God's goodness.
God is not only worthy of worship, but He is worthy of obedience. It is _____ to worship God without obeying Him.

Deut 12:1-4 "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. 3 And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. 4 You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.

God did not want to be worshiped like _____ chose to worship the God's they create.

Deut 12:5-7 But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. 6 There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. 7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you. NKJV

When the children of Israel entered the promised land, _____ was going to decide where they performed various acts of worship. God decided where, when, and how they were to offer certain sacrifices to Him.

Lessons to Remember

1. Worshiping God and serving God are related, but not identical.
2. Worship requires focus and concentration. You don't accidentally worship. Sometimes it requires work.
3. God is the only one worthy of worshiping as God.
4. We worship God for who He is and for what He has done for us.
5. Some worship is spontaneous, and some worship is planned.
6. God always chooses how He is to be worshiped.

Discussion Questions for H2H

1. What do you do to make worship an everyday part of your life?
2. Worship requires that we put God above everything and everyone else. What, if anything, do you find difficult subordinating to God?
3. Share a time in your life when you engaged in spontaneous worship.
4. What other practical ways does worshipping God individually and collectively help us as Christians?