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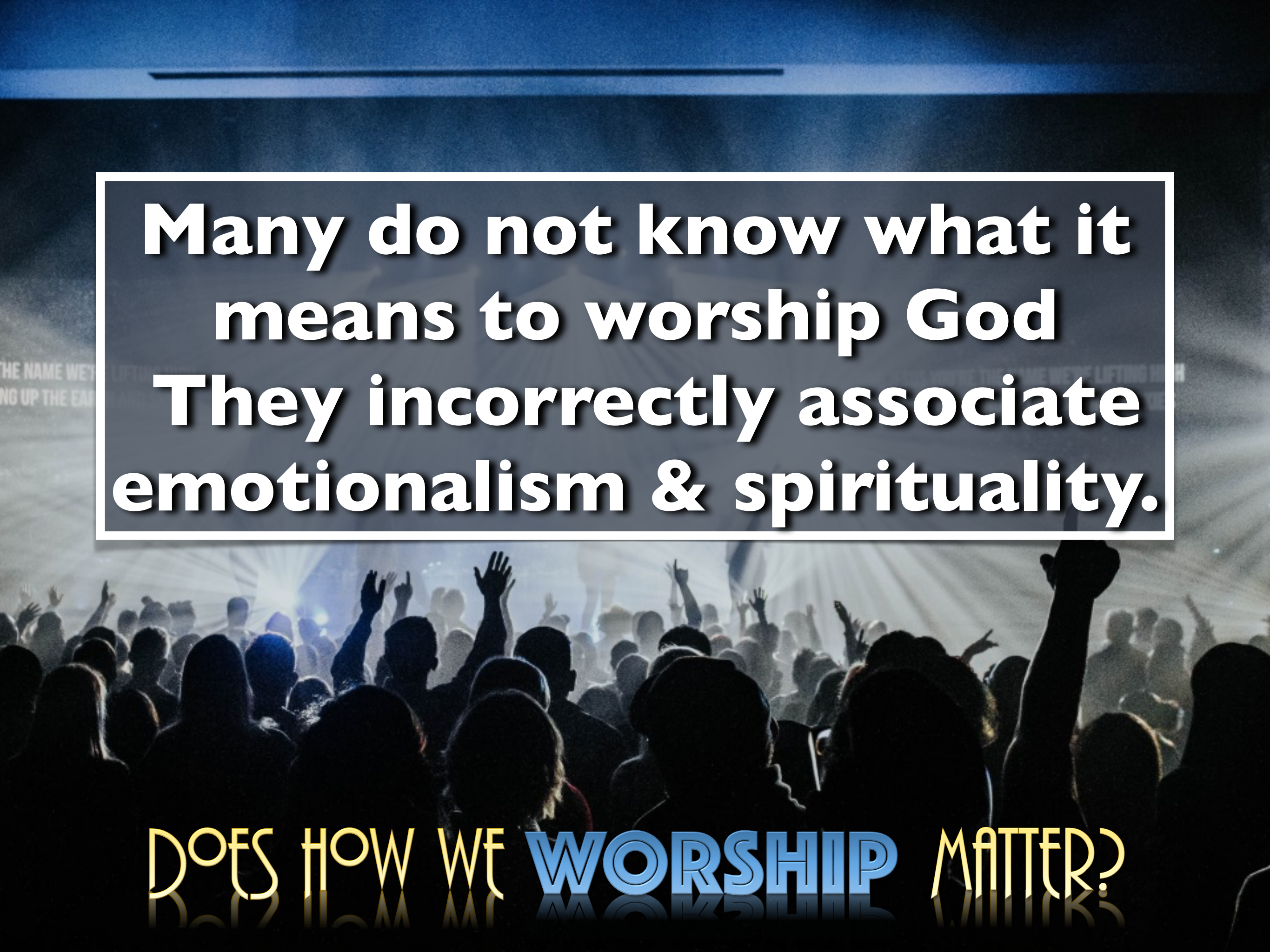
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HOW we WORSHIP MATTERS!

There are MANY different ways to engage in “FALSE” worship!

The “PURPOSE” of worship is to honor & glorify God!

The ONLY way to honor & glorify God in our worship is to worship AS HE SAYS!



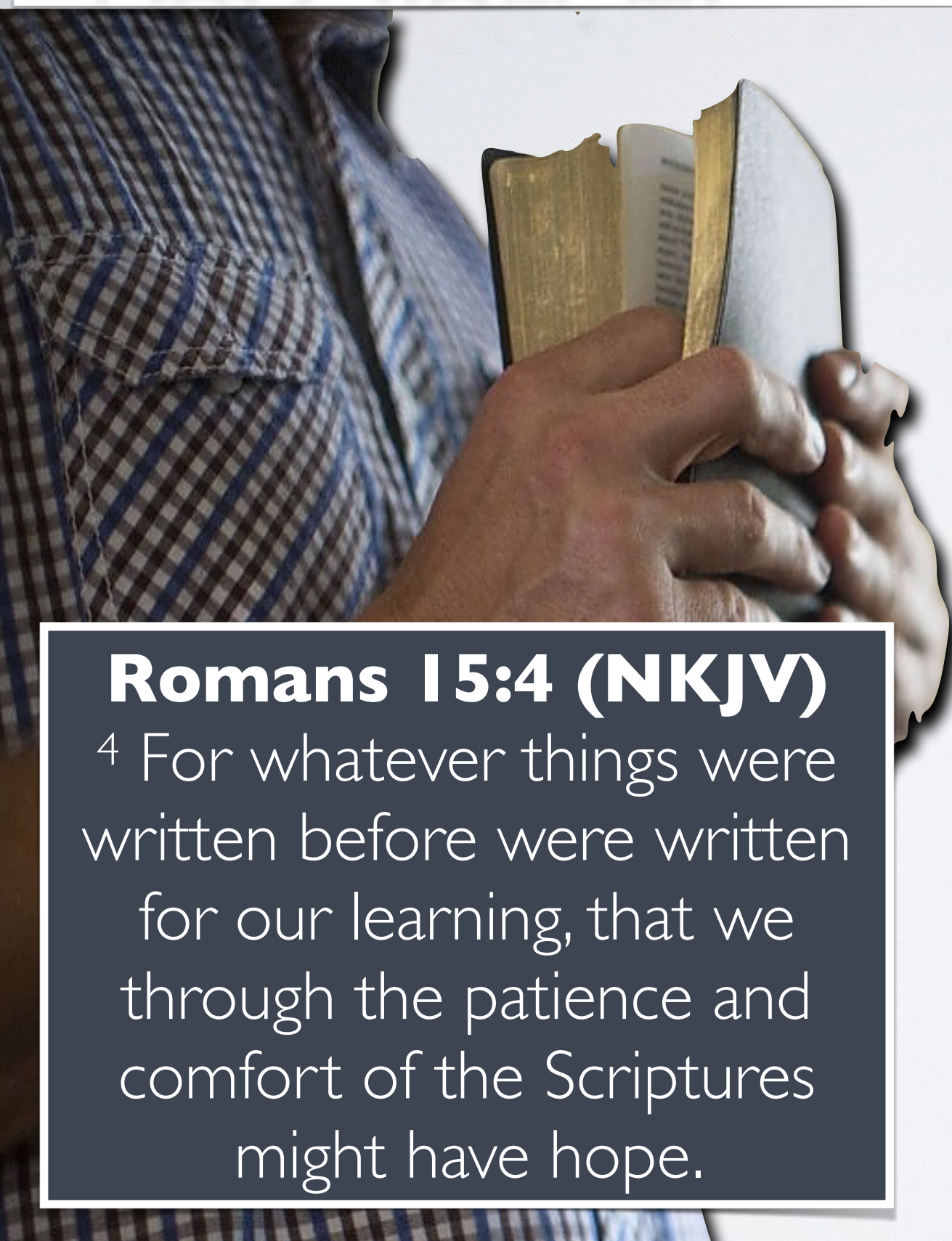
**Many do not know what it
means to worship God
They incorrectly associate
emotionalism & spirituality.**

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**ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP IS NOT
defined merely by what is pleasing
& acceptable to us?
(Phil 3:18,19; Rom 1:25)**

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Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

- **Cain & Abel** (Gen 4:1-7)
- **The tabernacle, ark & service** (Ex. 25:9,40; 26:30; Num 8:4)
- **Nadab & Abihu** (Lev. 10:1-3; 16:12; Ex. 30:9)
- **Saul** (1 Samuel 13:10-13)
- **Uzziah** (2 Chron. 2:16-21)
- **Scribes & Pharisees** (Mt 15:7-9)
- **The church** (John 4:19-24; 2 Tim 1:13; Heb 8:5; 12:28)

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made worship is
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(Mat 15:1-9)

Matthew 15:8–9
(NKJV)

⁸ *‘These people draw near
to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with their
lips, But their heart is far
from Me.’* ⁹ *And in vain
they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the
commandments of men.’*”

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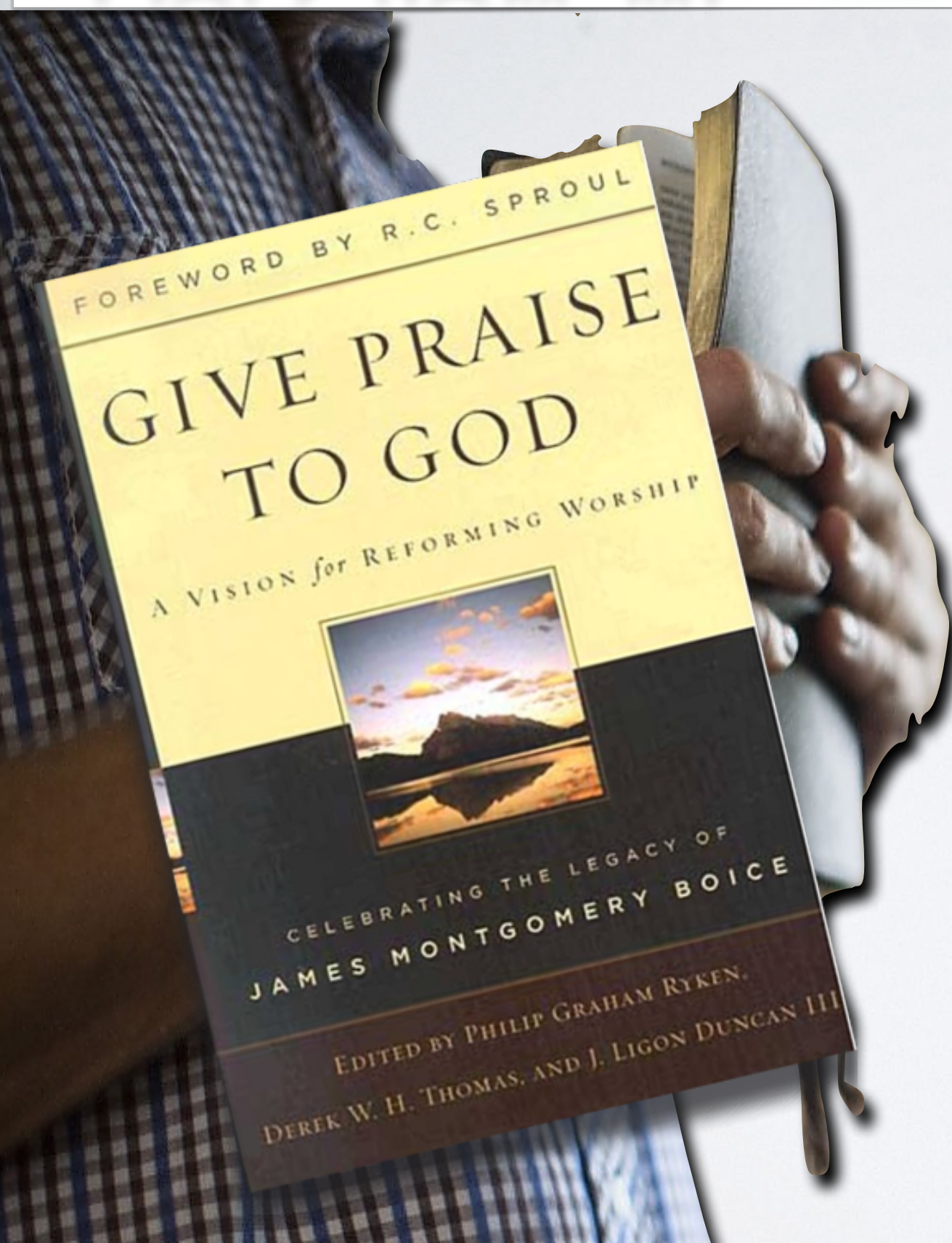
²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

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**Self-imposed
religion is false
religion
(Col. 2:20-23)**

Colossians 2:20–23 (NKJV)
22 which all concern things
which perish with the using—
according to the
commandments and doctrines
of men? 23 These things
indeed have an appearance of
wisdom in self-imposed
religion, *false* humility, and
neglect of the body, *but are* of
no value against the
indulgence of the flesh.

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“There are two ways to commit idolatry – worship something other than the one true God, or worship the one true God in the wrong way”

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IS OUR WORSHIP FROM HEAVEN OR MEN?



From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

1 John 4:4-6

Gal. 1:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

Matthew 21:25-26

**Only
Two
Possible
Sources**



From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

1 Cor. 4:6

Gal. 1:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

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GOD'S SILENCE TO BE RESPECTED!

**We cannot know
the mind of God
except through
revelation**

1 Cor 2:10, 11, 14

Eph 3:3-5

Isaiah 55:8,9

Romans 10:17
(NKJV)

¹⁷ So then faith *comes*
by hearing, and
hearing by the word
of God.

**God has
revealed all
things He wants
us to know & do**

2 Pet 1:3;

2 Tim 3:16,17

Jude 3

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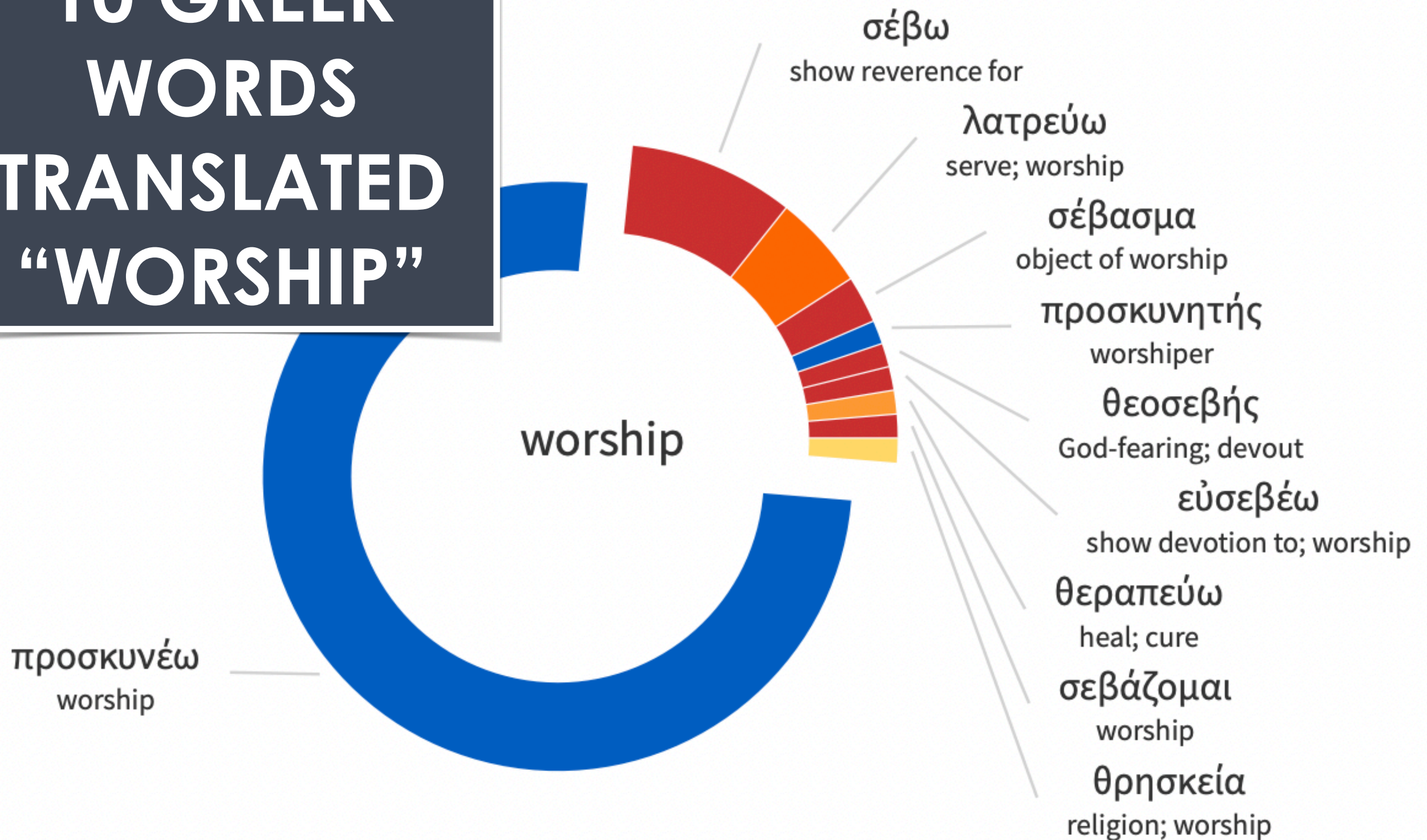
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- Pragmatism? – Man's wisdom has always failed to please God!
- We MUST ask "what does God want? What has He told us?" If we actually want to please Him!
- If we do what God commands - He will be pleased (Isaiah 55:8-11)

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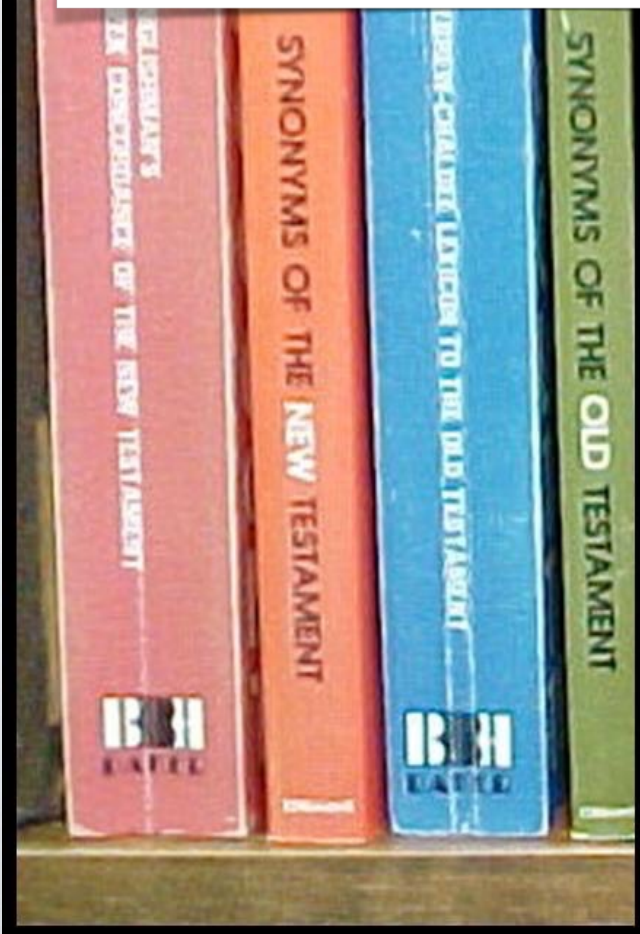
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(προσκυνέω, 4352)

(1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence

(2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence

(3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication — 3a) used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank.

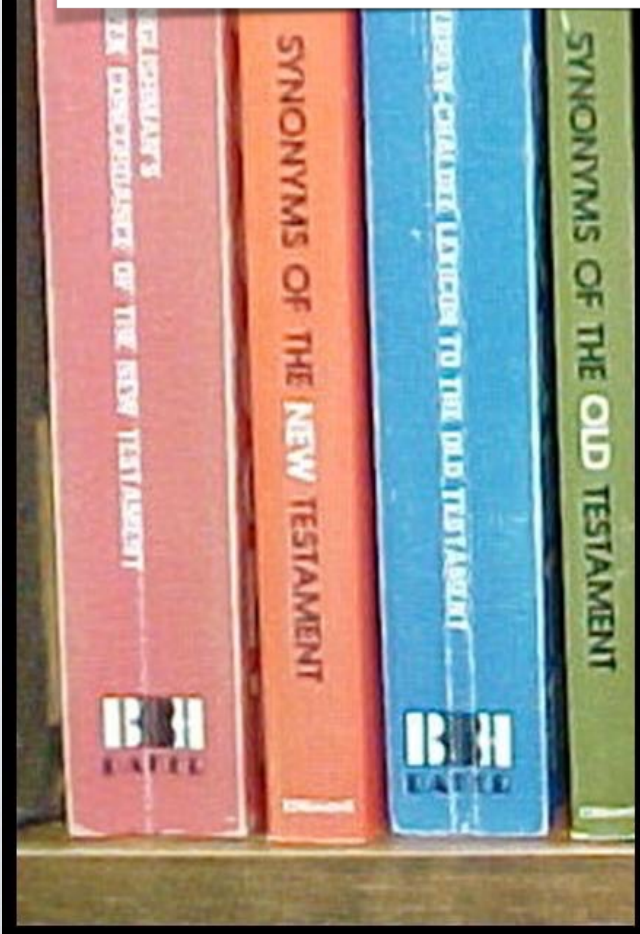


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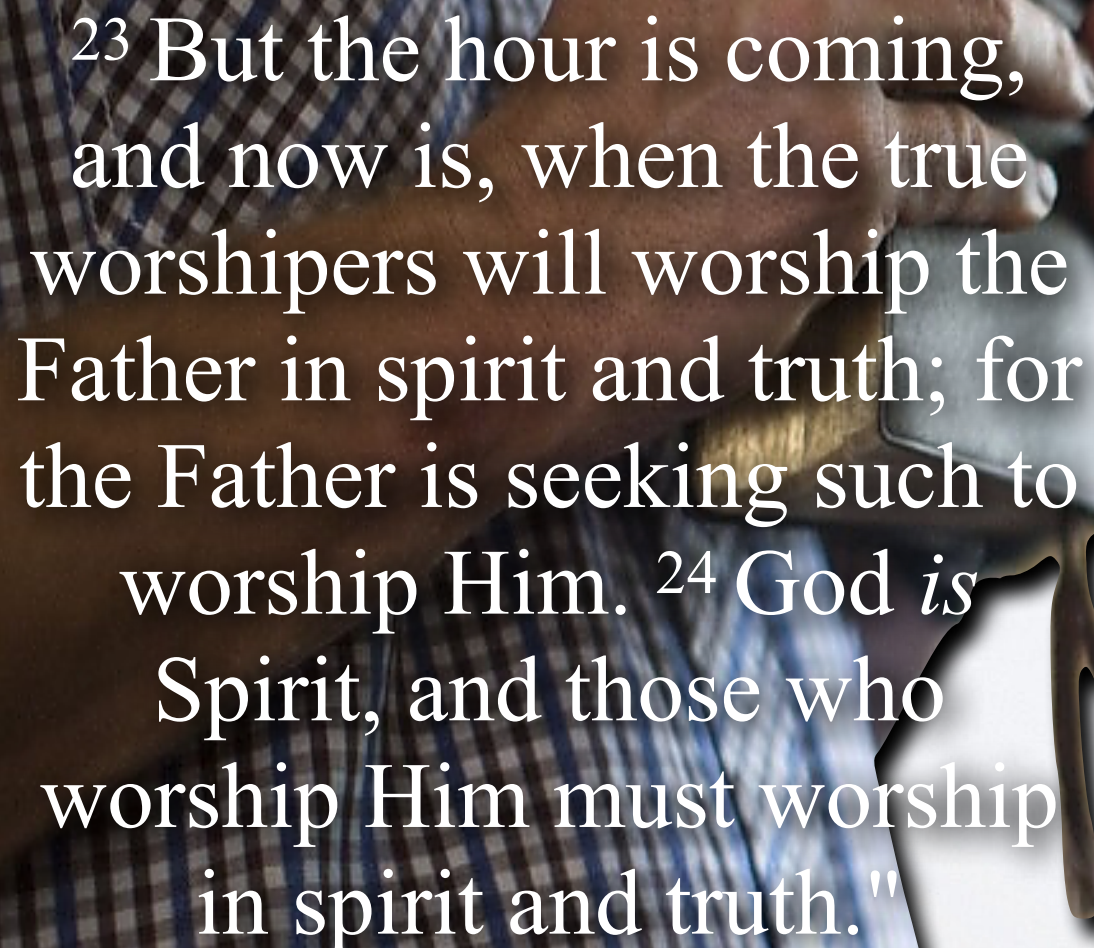
(1) “to make obeisance, do reverence to” (from *pros*, “towards,” and *kuneo*, “to kiss”), is the most frequent word rendered “to worship.” It is used of an act of homage or reverence. (a) to God, e.g., Matt. 4:10; John 4:21–24; 1 Cor. 14:25; Rev. 4:10; 5:14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:10 (2nd part) and 22:9; (b) to Christ, e.g., Matt. 2:2, 8, 11; 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 20:20; 28:9, 17; John 9:38; Heb. 1:6, in a quotation from the Sept. of Deut. 32:43, referring to Christ’s second advent;



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John 4:23-24 (NKJV)



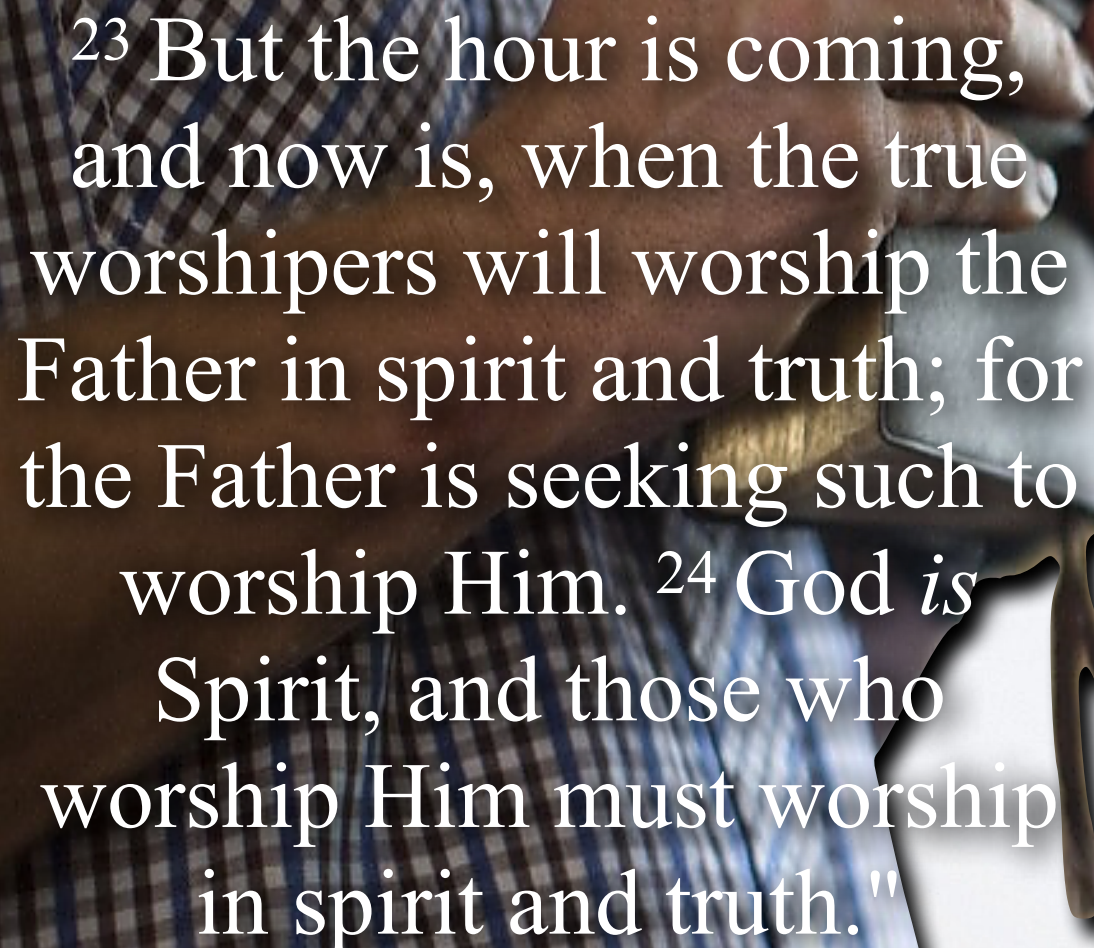
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- Must be directed to God (Jn 4:23; Rev. 14:7; Ep 5:19)
- Must be in spirit & truth (Jn 4:24)
- Must be authorized (Col. 3:17; Mat. 15:7-9)
- Must be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40)
- Involves sacrifice (Heb 13:14-16)

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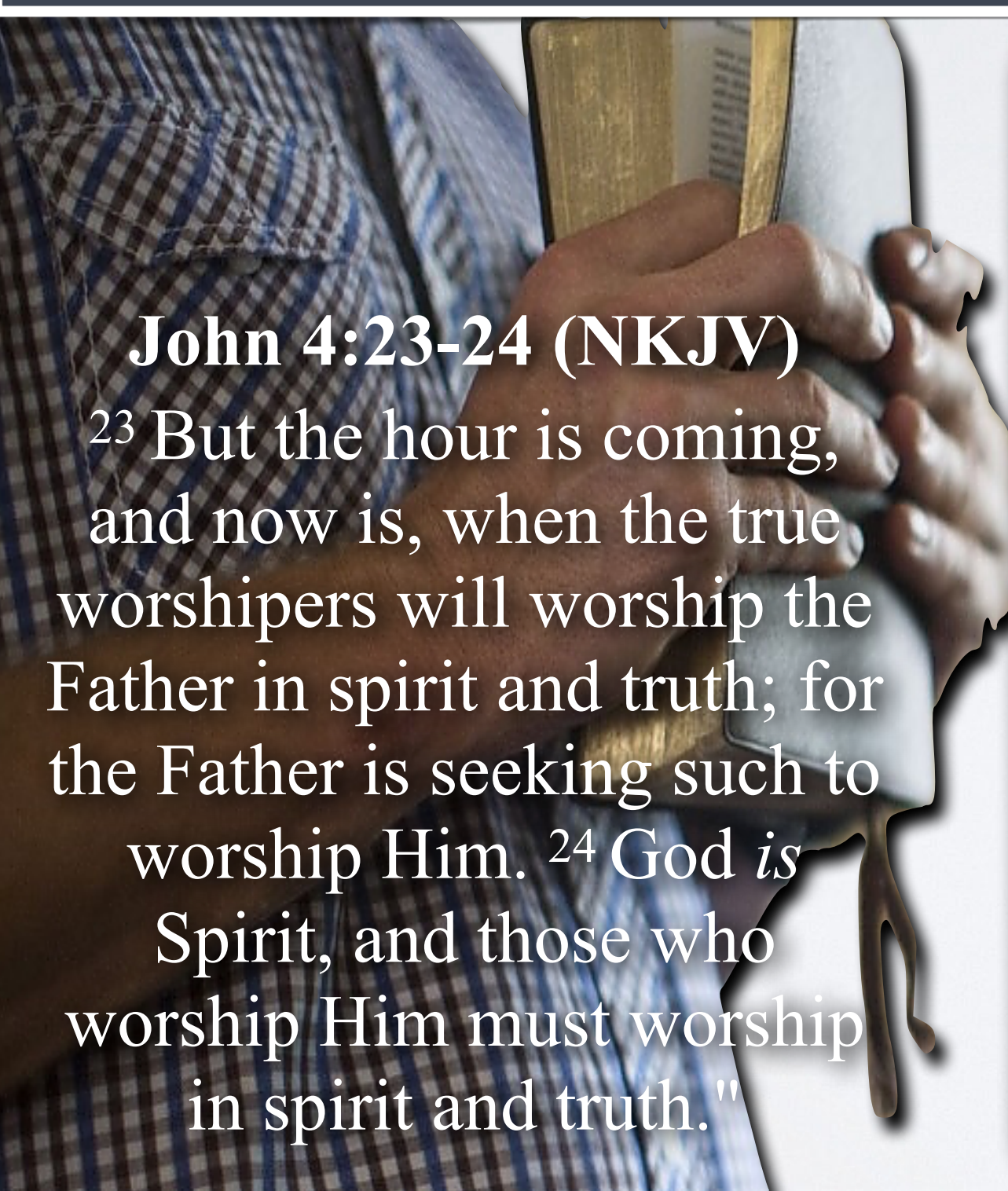


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- God has always ONLY accepted worship from those who offered it from their heart (in spirit) and in accordance with His Law (& truth).
- Physical ordinances of the OT were until "the time of reformation" (He 9:9-10), i.e., the NT.
- NT worship is more in keeping with the nature of God & relates more to the spiritual side of man.

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We should expect the worship in this age, to which the shadows in the OT pointed, to be governed by the spiritual realities which now exist, and therefore be different from that of the shadow.

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OT - carnal (fleshly)
ordinances. Heb

NT worship geared more to spiritual
side of man

A physical structure
(*tabernacle / Temple*)

Temple spiritual, Christians -
1 Co 3:16; Ep 2:19-22

Special priesthood,
clothing for priests

All Christians priests, spiritual sacrifices -
1 Peter 2:5,9

Lamps, burning incense

Prayers sweet incense - Re 5:8

Instruments of music

Melody made in heart - Ep 5:19

Feast days


Lord's Supper - 1Co 10:16-17

Animal & meal sacrifices

Spiritual sacrifices - He 13:15; Ro 12:1-2

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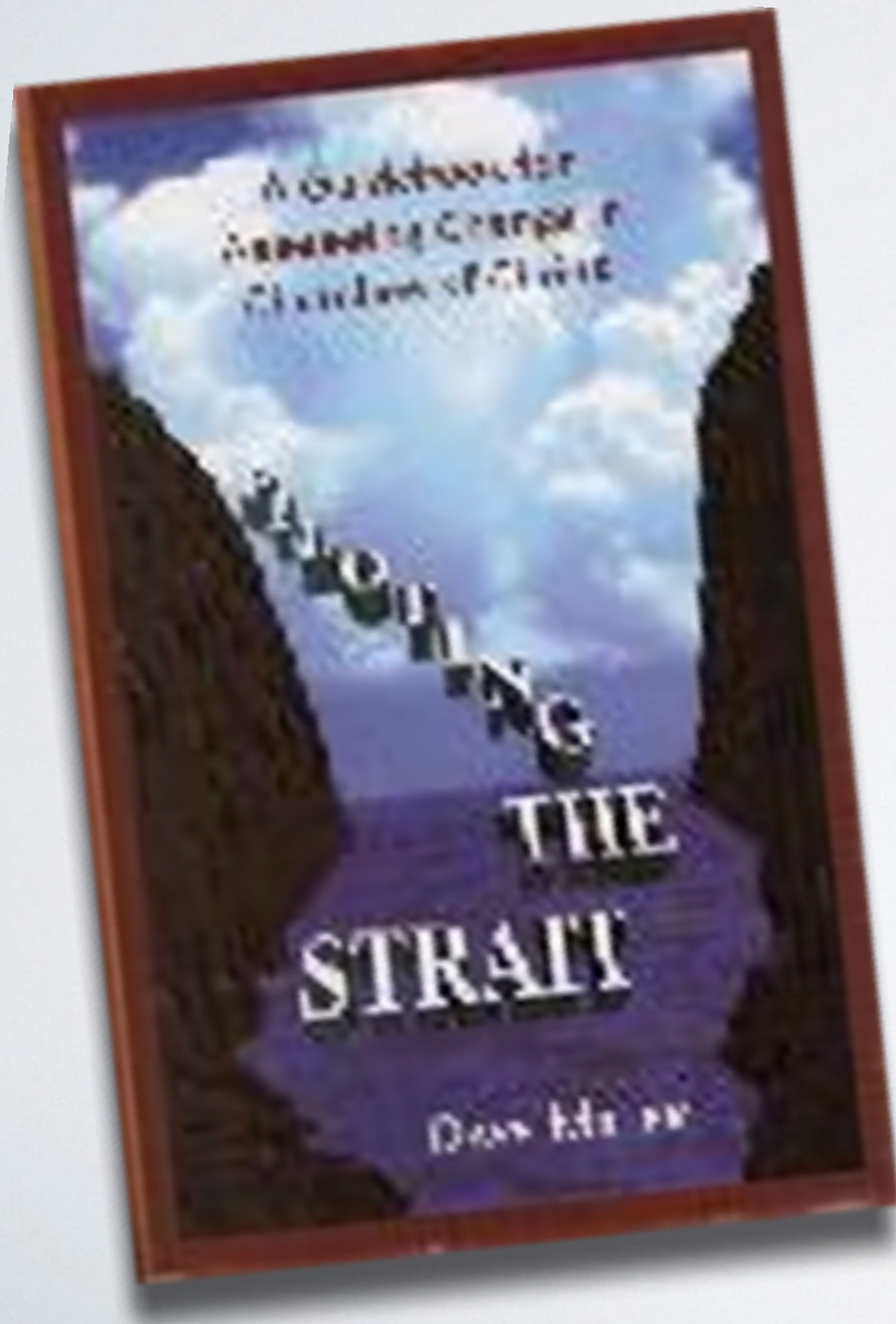


**Scriptural
worship – the
focus is on the
Creator – NOT
the creature –
(John 4:24;
Romans 1:25)**

- **The Lord's supper**
(Act 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-34)
- **Prayer** (Acts 4:23-31)
- **Sacrificial giving**
(1 Cor 16:1,2)
- **SINGING** psalms, hymns
& spiritual songs
(Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- **Preaching / teaching**
(Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 14;
Eph 4:12-16)

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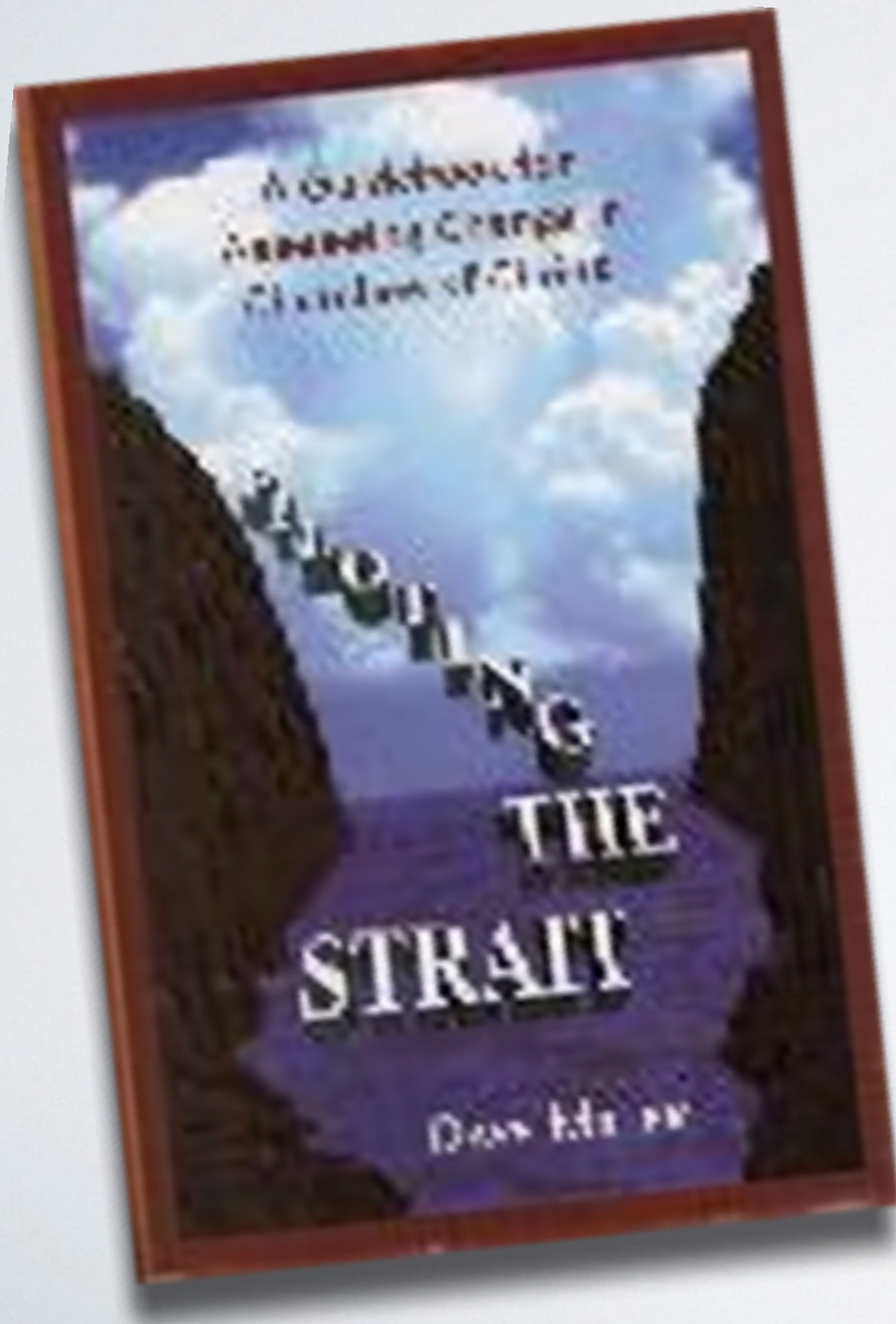


“Once you have the correct actions in place for worship, where the real effort comes in is keeping your heart and mind focused on what you are doing! Worship in spirit takes REAL WORK-REAL EFFORT! It takes mental and physical preparation. ...”

(Dave Miller, Piloting the Straight, pg. 182)

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“... Unfortunately, the current climate in the church tends to treat worship as a time for entertaining the worshipper and catering to the worshippers wants. Consequently, worshippers have lost that deep, reverent, mindset that approaches the worship assembly with a sense of respect and cautious intention to please God.”

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- True worship is revealed worship (Rom. 10:17; Jn 4:22)
- Sincerity & zeal is NOT enough! (Acts 23:1; 26:9; Rom. 10:1-3)
- Untaught worship prevents true worship (Rom. 10:1-3; Acts 17:21-30)

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**We do not have the right to
change or take lightly God's
prescribed pattern for worship -
Mat 15:1-9; 2 Jn 1:9,10**

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**Obedying God's revealed will is
the ONLY way we can show
reverence for Him -
Eccl 12:13,14; Rom 10:1-3**

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