

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ,... Eph 5:24

"How To Establish Faith"

Matthew 21:25-26



Mt. 21:23-27

I John 4:4-6

Gal. I:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

# Only Two Possible Consequence

Sources

### From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

I Cor. 4:6

Gal. I:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

# From Heaven or Men?

### The Principle of Submission

SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE

# 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

Faith comes by hearing

ROMANS 10:17

God has
revealed
everything He
wants us to
know & do 2 Pet 1:3;
2 Tim 3:16,17
Jude 3

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

# Exclusive & Inclusive

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household,

<sup>22</sup>Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. . . 7:5 <sup>5</sup>And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

### **Authorized**

Incidental

Tools
Scaffolds
Help

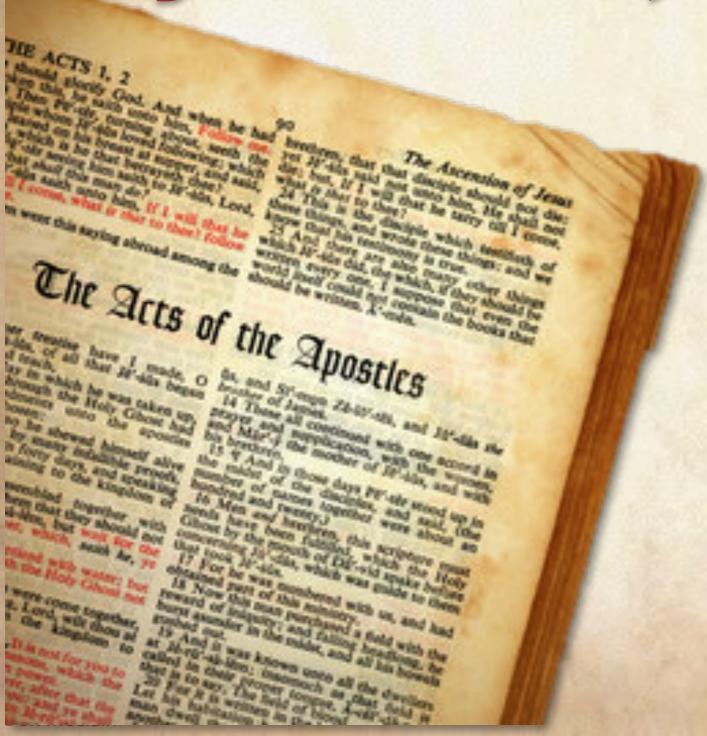
Build An Ark of Gopher Wood

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Another door
Different wood
Different size
Additional boats

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# Organization of A Local Church



- + Christ the head
- → Elders (bishops, pastors)
- + Deacons to serve
- + Evangelist,

teachers & saints

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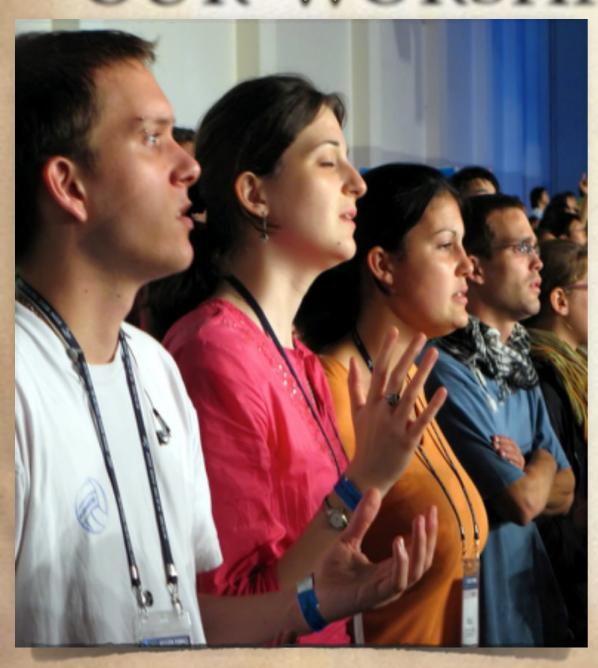
# Worship of A Local Church



- ◆ It is important "HOW" we worship!
- ◆ 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!

The Modern Worship Trend Is To Have no boundaries

### OUR WORSHIP CAN BE IN VAIN



- ♦ Hypocrisy & man made Mat 15:1-9
- ◆ Ignorance -John 4:22; Acts 17:22-23
- ◆Self imposed Col. 2:20-23

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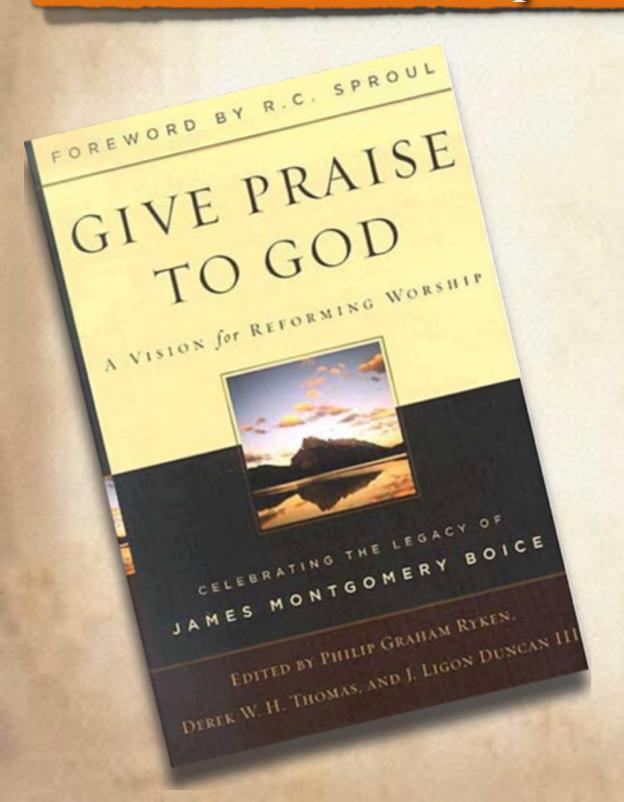
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Col. 2:20-23 (NKJV)

... do you subject yourselves to regulations--...[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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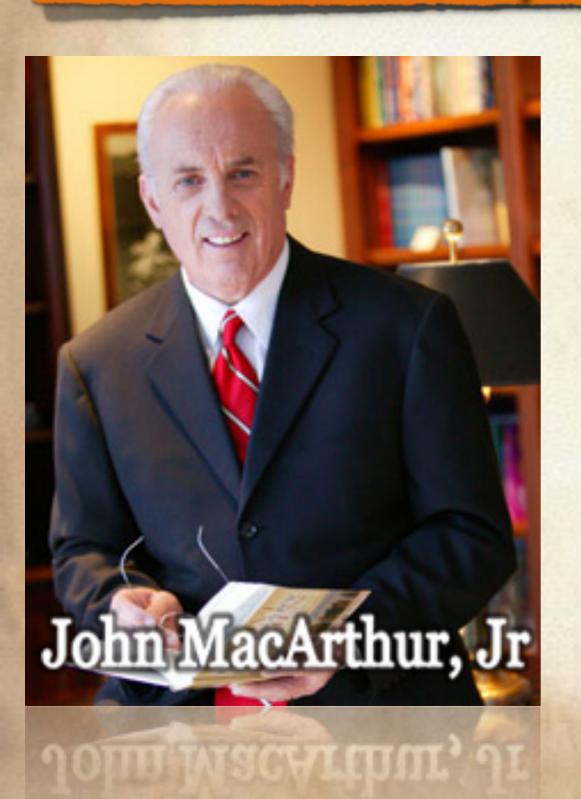


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"Worship style is as important as theology. ... The entire worship experience must be evaluated through the eyes of your target. When you confidently determine who your target is—who you're trying to reach—it makes crafting a worship experience for that person a lot easier. Through some trial and error you will learn what works and what does not work for your target group." —

(Ron Sylvia "Determining Your Worship Style" PurposeDriven Website, July 2007, pg 135)

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"We have a society filled with people who want what they want when they want it. They are into their own lifestyle, recreation, and entertainment. They want comfort, happiness, and success. When churches appeal to those selfish desires, they only fuel fires that hinder true godliness."

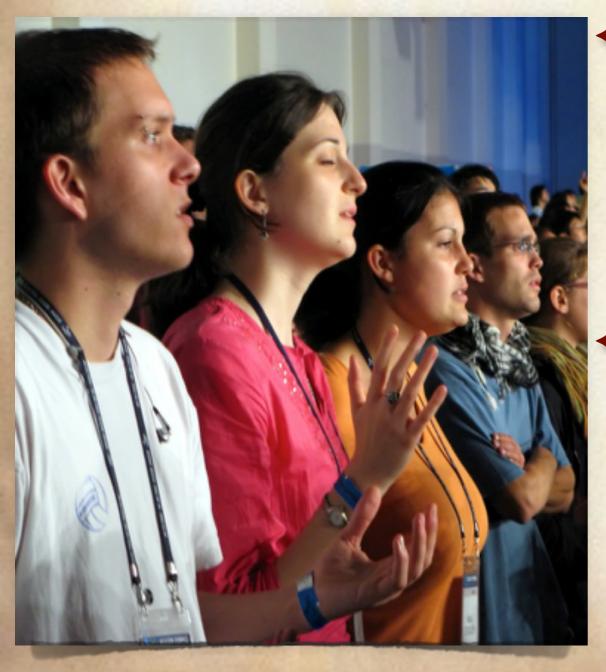
(Ashamed of The Gospel, When The Church Becomes Like The World, pg 85)

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- Many do not know what it means to worship & serve God They incorrectly associate emotionalism & spirituality. (Jn 4:24)
  - What if we define GOOD worship merely by what is pleasing & acceptable to us? (Phil 3:18,19; Rom 1:25)

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- Many are encouraging churches of Christ to incorporate mood lighting, video, music, body movement, and social media into the worship ∈xp∈ri∈nc∈.
  - When we are "driven" to provide memorable & enjoyable **experiences** we will find people will always want brighter, faster, and **more exciting experiences**.

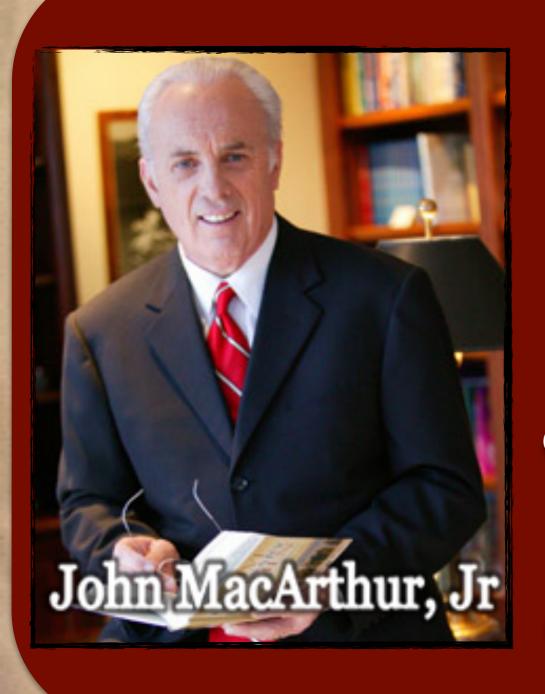
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- Find out what people want and give it to them - WHAT EVER THAT IS! - (do not offer what they do not want)
- Special Music Gimmick's for attractions -
- Hollywood / Disney Land /
  Las Vegas / Music Industry

   −- becomes the model Not God & His Word!

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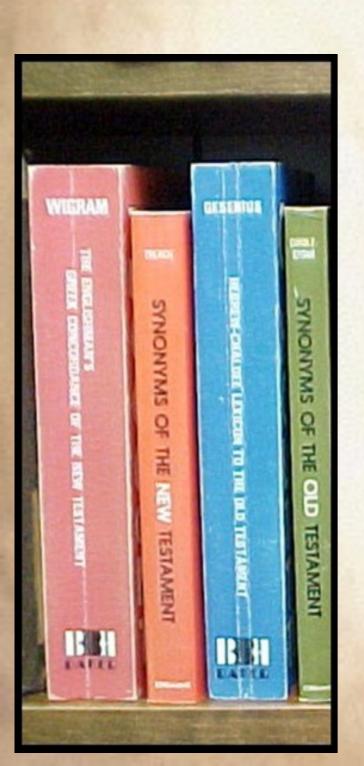


"Evangelicals everywhere are frantically seeking new techniques and new forms of entertainment to attract people. Whether a method is biblical or not scarcely seems to matter to the average church leader today. Does it work? That is the test of legitimacy. And so raw pragmatism has become the driving force in much of the professing church."

(Ashamed of The Gospel, When The Church Becomes Like The World, pg 71)

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# Worship ...



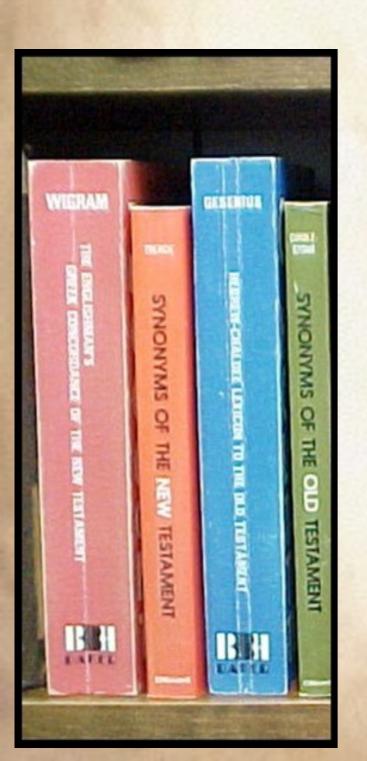
### □ proskunevw - proskuneō

Thayer Definition: - G4352

- 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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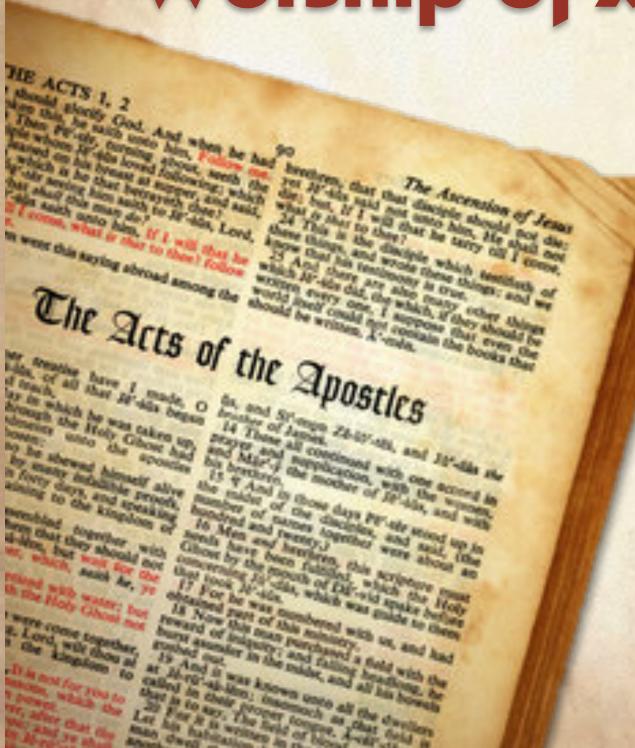
# Worship ...



- 1. proskuneoμ (proskunevw, (4352)), to make obeisance, do reverence to (from pros, towards, and kuneoμ, to kiss), is the most frequent word rendered to worship.
  - a. 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,

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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 - it will work and accomplish what He wants - Isaiah 55:8-11

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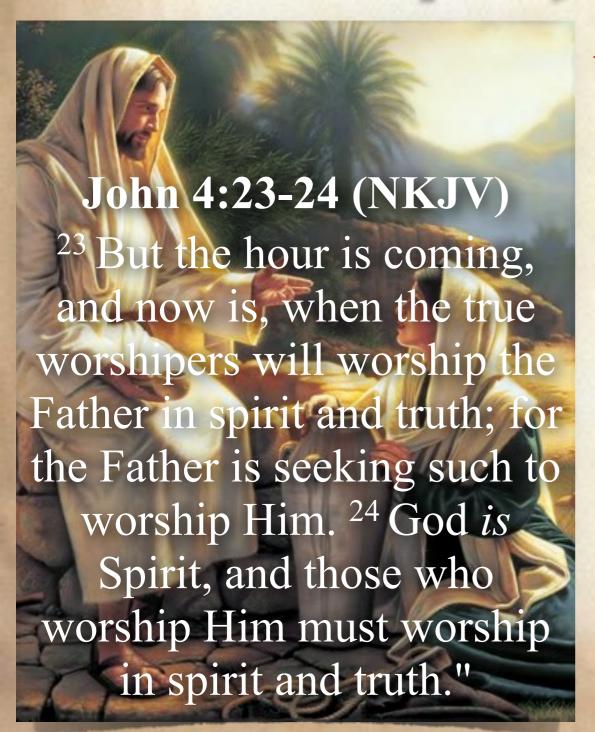
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Compile all references to the subject including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications.

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- ♦ What are some general principles governing our worship?
  - \* Must be done in spirit & truth
     John 4:24
  - \* Must be for right purpose Rev. 14:7; Eph 5:19
  - \* Must be done decently and in order 1 Cor. 14:40
  - \*Involves sacrifice Heb 13:14-16

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PROPER ACTION

Worship

John 4:24 (NKJV)

PROPER OBJECT

Spirit

God is

Spirit, and

those who

worship Him

must worship

in spirit and

truth."

PROPER ATTITUDE

Truth

PROPER AUTHORITY



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PROPER ACTION



Psalm 95:6 (NKJV)

PROPER OBJECT



Oh come, let us worship and bow

PROPER ATTITUDE



down; Let us

<u>kn</u>

kneel before the Lord our

Maker.

Truth

PROPER AUTHORITY

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PROPER ACTION



Psalm 96:9 (NKJV)

PROPER OBJECT



Oh, worship the Lord in the

PROPER ATTITUDE



beauty of holiness!



Tremble before

PROPER AUTHORITY



Him, all the earth.

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PROPER ACTION



Leviticus 10:3 (NKJV)

PROPER OBJECT



... 'By those who come near Me I

PROPER ATTITUDE



must be regarded as holy; And

PROPER AUTHORITY



before all the people I must be glorified.'

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PROPER ACTION

PROPER OBJECT

PROPER ATTITUDE

PROPER AUTHORITY









Isaiah 66:1-2 (NKJV)

[2] For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

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PROPER ACTION

PROPER OBJECT

PROPER ATTITUDE

PROPER AUTHORITY









Hebrews 12:28-29 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. [29] For our God is a consuming fire.

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John 4:23-24 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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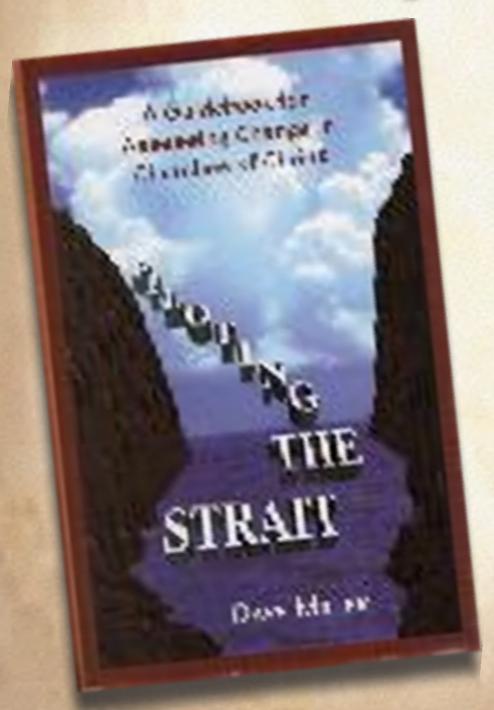
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Scriptural worship - the focus is on the Creator – NOT the creature – (John 4:24; Romans 1:25)

- ◆ 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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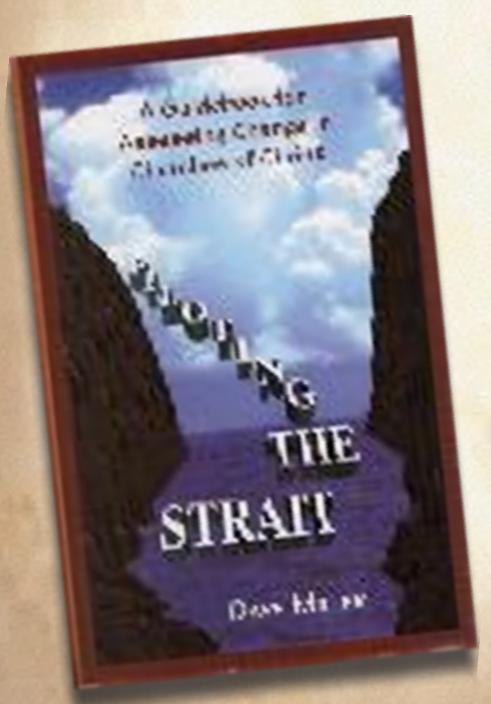


"Once you have the correct actions in place for worship, where the real effort comes in is keeping your heart and mind focused on what you are doing! Worship in spirit takes REAL WORK-REAL EFFORT! It takes mental and physical preparation.

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

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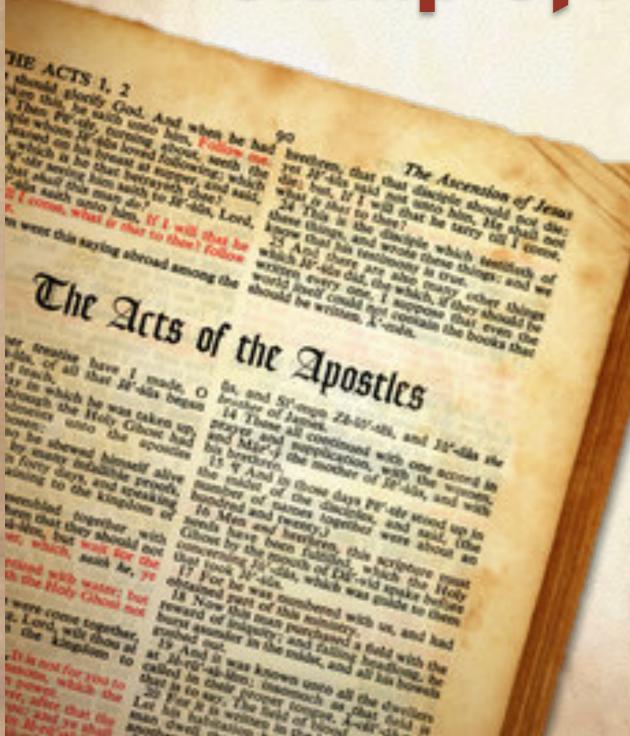


"... Unfortunately, the current climate in the church tends to treat worship as a time for entertaining the worshipper and catering to the worshippers wants. Consequently, worshippers have lost that deep, reverent, mindset that approaches the worship assembly with a sense of respect and cautious intention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

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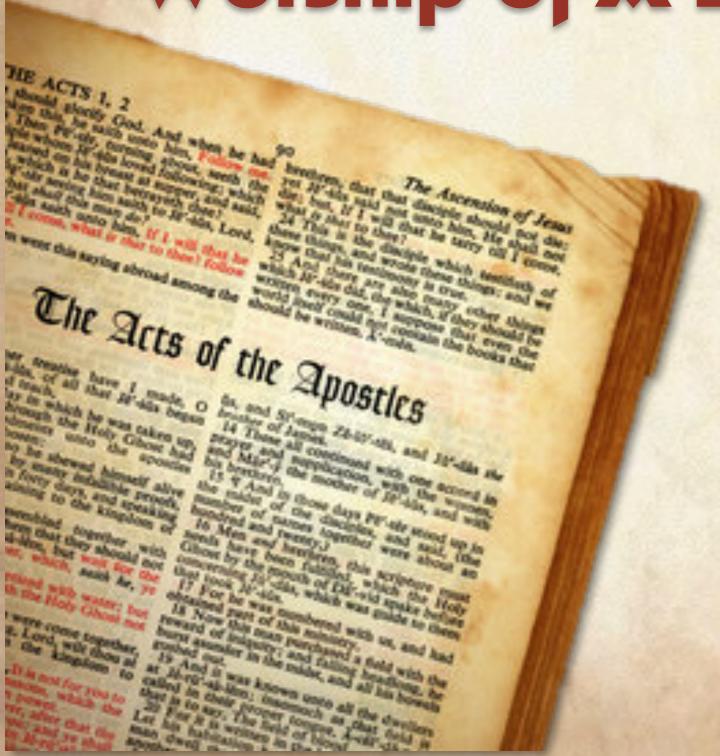
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- ◆True worship is revealed worship - Rom. 10:17; John 4:22
- ◆Sincerity is NOT enough!
  - Acts 23:1; Acts 26:9
- → Ignorant worship prevents true worship - Romans 10:1-3; Acts 17:30

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◆The primary purpose of worship is to honor & glorify God - Rev.

14:7; Psalm 95:6;

96:8; Ep 5:19

♦ When we worship in spirit & truth we also build ourselves up -Acts 16:25; 1 Co

14:26; Col 3:16

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- ◆ Our worship MUST demonstrate reverence for God - Lev 10:3; Heb 12:28,29
- ◆ Obeying God's revealed will is the ONLY way we can show reverence for Him - Eccl 12:13,14; Rom 101-3
- ♦ Where confusion exists & selfcontrol doesn't, God IS NOT BEING worshipped - 1 Cor 14:33

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