

## WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

Worship according to Webster's dictionary is "a prayer, church service, or other rite showing reverence or devotion for a deity (a god) religious homage or veneration. Or, honor; respect; civil deference. Or, unbounded admiration; intense love; extreme devotion.

To Worship; to adore or pay divine honors to as a deity; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration syn: honor, adore revere reverence

To Worship: to engage in worship; specifically, to perform religious service; to offer prayers, attend church services, etc.

The word worship comes from the Saxon/Old English word "weorthscipe" or "weordhscipe, which means WORTHSHIP or WORTHINESS. According to the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia "This connotes actions motivated by an attitude that reveres, honors, or describes the worth of another person or object." When we talk about worship, we are specifically talking about the worship of the Only God, The One True God, The Almighty God, Jehovah, The Lord.

Worth: the esteem in which a person or thing is held; importance, value, merit, excellence, etc.

Worthy: Having worth, value, or merit; deserving praise; valuable; noble; estimable; virtuous

Value; appraised worth;; that which is desirable or worthy of esteem for its own sake; thing or quality having intrinsic worth (worth in itself)

In our study of worship of our Lord, we will expand our idea of worship. Most of the time we think of worship as a time in the service or the time in our day, when we sing songs to the Lord, lift our hands, praise the Lord verbally and then move to another part of the service, or another part of our day. Worship is so much more expansive, has so many more elements, and true worship permeates our lives. We who belong to the Lord worship Him all the time.

We will look at the development of worship from the very beginnings of creation to Christian worship in the New Testament. We will deal with dynamics of today's worship

Exodus 34 14 – Worship only the Lord

John 4:20-24 – Worship in Spirit and in Truth (Gen 4:1-7)

Worship includes what we call Praise and Worship, and many other things.