

Solution to Study 0073

1. What is, and what is not, the true worship of God? (**John 4:20-24; Joshua 24:14; Luke 1:74-75; Exodus 10:3-26; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Acts 14:8-18; Matthew 15:2-9; Colossians 2:20-23**)

The true worship of God is:

- (a) In spirit (sincerity) and in truth**
- (b) Based on the knowledge of God and Christ**
- (c) With reverential fear (which draws us to God rather than drive from Him)**
- (d) In holiness and righteousness**
- (e) In service and devotion unto God**
- (f) Total—including family, business, vocation, and possessions**
- (g) Proclaiming God's doing in your life, with a view to bringing glory to God**

The true worship of God is not:

- (a) Tied to a location**
- (b) The worship of ministers of God (they should be respected though)**
- (c) According to the doctrines of men**
- (d) With the mouth only, apart from the heart**
- (e) Ascetism**
- (f) Religious rituals**

2. God's desire is that men in all ages and from all nations will worship Him in spirit and in truth. How is this achieved? (**Habakkuk 2:14; Psalm 22:27; Acts 8:4-8; 11:19-21; Romans 15:19-21; Mark 16:15-20; Proverbs 6:6-11; Psalm 126:5-6; 2 Timothy 4:2-5**)

Evangelism: As we go all over the world (in our places of vocation, school, etc.) preaching the good news of the kingdom of God with signs following, we must do this whether or not we are told to.

3. Whose worship may not be acceptable to God? (**Psalm 50:14-22; Isaiah 1:10-15; 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Hebrews 13:13-15**)

- The unthankful/ungrateful**
- Those who don't pay their vows**
- The wicked/evil people**
- Those who forget God**
- Those who are not right**
- Those who do not fear God**
- Those whose hearts are not contrite before God**
- Those who don't worship God in holiness and righteousness**
- Those who are religious, but unclean**
- Those who do not do the will of God**
- Those who give mere sacrifices, without reverence for God**

4. What can we do to ensure that the true worship of God is maintained in the Church? (**John 2:13-16; Matthew 21:12-17; 1 Kings 18:30-40**)

- By not turning the house of God into a marketplace**
- By not allowing our hearts to become a place of merchandise**
- By ensuring that God's house is a place of prayer and praise**
- By ensuring that our hearts are given to prayer and praise (Phil. 4:8)**

- **By ensuring that all men have access to God**
- **By giving rest to the weary**
- **By ensuring that God does not depart from our local assembly and hearts.**
- **By being the restorer of true worship where people have gone astray**

Conclusion

The true worship of God is more than singing and dancing; and it is more than being in church on service days. In reality, it is our dedication and devotion to God in our service to Him, in our heeding His word, and in our living godly lives as a testimony before those who do not yet believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ. We, being priests of the most high God, have been born again, filled with His Spirit, and, given divine gifts, with which we should worship God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds. Our service to God must be in humility and holiness, with simplicity and compassion for mankind, and, with love for God from our hearts. And as we yield to the Holy Spirit, He it is, Who helps us to truly worship God in spirit and in truth!