

# ARE YOU REALLY WORSHIPPING THE LORD?

Revelation 19:9,10; 22:6-9

## Introduction:

- A. Worship is a central part of the Christian life
  - 1. John records t\_\_\_\_\_ times that he got worship wrong.
  - 2. Today, we might evaluate our worship (or someone else's) by certain indicators and get it wrong
- B. Today we are going to see what true worship is not and what it is so that we can be assured that we are truly worshipping the Lord.

## Deceptive Measures (Rev 19:9,10; 22:6-9)

- A. John's intention was to worship God.
  - 1. Rev 19:9,10 – John must have thought that the angel was J\_\_\_\_\_, for he would never intentionally worship an angel.
    - a. The angel told John who he was – a fellow-s\_\_\_\_\_ of his and of believers (those who hold the testimony of Jesus)
    - b. The angel commanded John to worship G\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Rev 22:6-9
    - a. An angel was giving John information and either quoted Jesus or Jesus spoke these words and John thought the angel was speaking: *Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.*
    - b. John must have suddenly concluded that it was Jesus who was before Him and not an angel.
      - 1) He fell down in w\_\_\_\_\_.
      - 2) The angel identified himself in the same way as in Rev 19:10 and told John to worship God.
- B. This tells us that s\_\_\_\_\_ is not a good indicator of whether or not worship is taking place.
  - 1. True worship requires us to be s\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. But sincerity does not guarantee that we are truly worshipping God.

## Sincere Methods

- A. John's method of worship was f\_\_\_\_\_ down to the ground
1. Matt 28:9 – the women, who were told by an angel to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead, fell down at Jesus's f\_\_\_\_\_ and worshipped Him when they saw Him.
  2. John was sincere in his method, but this act of worship never reached God.
- B. Some common methods that Christians use to worship
1. M\_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 98:4) – are we wrapped up in the melody or in the Lord?
  2. R\_\_\_\_\_ hands (Ps 134:2) – does not guarantee true worship
  3. C\_\_\_\_\_ hands (Ps 47:1) – does not guarantee true worship
  4. I\_\_\_\_\_ - using physical things to draw us closer to God (e.g. cross, picture of Jesus, etc. – it is human nature to worship the physical that we see rather than God whom we cannot see – Rom 1:23).

## God's measures (Jn 4:23,24)

- A. Jesus said that true worshippers worship God in s\_\_\_\_\_ and in t\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 4:23,24)
- B. Worshipping in spirit
1. The Bible views humans as being a body, a soul, and a spirit
    - a. The body is our p\_\_\_\_\_ self – we are to use our bodies in worship, but we are not to start there.
    - b. The soul is our p\_\_\_\_\_ self
      - 1) The word can mean l\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:7 – Hebrew word is nephesh and is the same word used in Gen 7:15 for animals; Lk 6:9 – Greek word is psyche and Jesus used the word here in this way).
      - 2) The word can mean the s\_\_\_\_\_ self (This is the most common meaning in modern day Christian vocabulary but it rarely means this in the Bible - Matt 10:28)

3) The word can mean that aspect of our being that thinks and f\_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus used the term this way in Matt 26:38 - *My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death.* His struggle was with His thinking and His feelings causing Him to pray, *Father, let this cup pass from Me. But not My will, Your will be done.*
- God wants us to worship him with our mind, will, and emotions – but being thoughtful or emotional does not guarantee worship.

c. The spirit is our s\_\_\_\_\_ self

1) When Adam and Eve sinned they immediately d\_\_\_\_\_ spiritually (they separated from God)

2) Our natural born state is to have a d\_\_\_\_\_ spirit (Eph 2:1) – we were dead in our sins

3) When we accept Christ, God makes us a\_\_\_\_\_ spiritually (Eph 2:5; Rom 8:10) and our spirit is j\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ's Spirit (1 Cor 6:17)

4) God d\_\_\_\_\_ relates to us through our spirit (Rom 8:16)

2. The starting place for worship is not in our minds or bodies but our spirits. That worship then can manifest itself in our minds and our bodies.

C. Worshipping in truth

1. Requires God to r\_\_\_\_\_ our worship.

2. Requires us to d\_\_\_\_\_ our worship to Him by focusing on His person (not on a method, not on how we sound)

a. Are you submitting to all that He is?

b. Are you allowing His indwelling presence to impact you?