

SOP:Worship

Definition: To honor or show reverence

Greek: Proskuneo=4352=to kiss the hand, prostrate oneself, do homage, adore

We have thought it was associated with singing or experiencing a sense of His nearness. It is more about being rightly positioned before Him and responsive to Who He is and What He is doing. (Which is a key for listening prayer)

John 17:3-6

And this is eternal life, that they may **know Thee**, the **only true** God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I **glorified Thee** on the earth, having **accomplished the work** which Thou hast given Me to do. And now, **glorify Thou Me together with Thyself**, Father, **with the glory** which I had **with Thee** before the world was. I **manifested** Thy name **to the men** whom Thou gavest Me **out of the world**; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and **they have kept** Thy word.

- **We were Created for Worship**

Made in His image and likeness—relationship/reflection/ reverence

At the fall:

Relationship broken

Glory withdrawn—naked

Failed to give reverence and honor—our foolish heart was darkened (Read Romans 1:18-23)

Because we are designed to worship—we became prone to idolatry (worship of lesser things)

- **Jesus Models Worship**

Only says what He hears Father saying/only does what He sees the Father doing

Hebrews 10:5-9—Behold—I have come to do Thy will

Romans 12:1-2

In the Garden—submission/obedience (better than sacrifice)

Called as a Kingdom of Priests—Exodus 19:4-6 (eventually-only Levites)

1 Peter 2:4-10

Tabernacle/Temple—the way of approach (keep in mind in light of Hebrews 4:14-16)

The cross fulfills every element of the Tabernacle/Temple

Not about place—more about the state of your relationship: John 4—worship in Spirit and Truth

Spirit—initiated by and in harmony with the Holy Spirit (Phil 3:3)-He gives eyes to see and respond.

Truth—Should be an exact reflection of Who He says He is and What He says He will do.

- **Ministry to the Lord**

- Ezekiel 44

- Acts 13:1-3