

Worship Questions

Chapter 1

How would you describe worship and its impact in your life? p. 14

Since godly worship covered all of society in the Old Testament, what applications can you make to your life today to incorporate a greater sense of worship? p. 15

Based upon the examples of Uzzah and the sons of Aaron, what conclusions can you draw about deviant or self-styled worship? Explain your response. p. 20

What would be an example of “worshiping the true God in the wrong form”? p. 22

During the Old Testament, Israel was commanded to give the best of everything they had in worship. What does giving our best to God in worship mean to you today? p. 25

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Why is it a disservice to true biblical worship to simply try to stir someone's emotions? p. 36

The author explains that “Genuine worship is a response to divine truth.” What does this statement mean to you, and how should you respond? p. 37

Can you think of an instance when a worship service was not conducted in a spirit of reverence and awe? What was that like and what was your response? p. 38

Do you agree or disagree with the author's comment that the Church worship service is for the edification of believers and not the evangelizing of the lost? Why or why not? p. 39

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When you think of Christ and His work of salvation in your life, how does that make you feel? What are some ways you can express these feelings? p. 58

How have sin and bad decisions negatively affected your life in the past? p. 63

The author contends that the level of our worship indicates the strength of our spiritual lives. Based then upon your worship level, how would you rate yourself? p. 64

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What three words or phrases would you use to describe God and why? p. 67

What would you say to someone if they asked you why you believe that God exists? p. 69

What does the author mean when he states, "The Bible presupposes, rather than proves, God's existence"? p. 70

From the five logical reasons to accept the existence of God (Teleological, Aesthetic, Volitional, Moral, and Cosmological), which one resonates with you the most and why? p. 71

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In what areas of your life do you feel the weakest and especially in need of God's support? p. 98

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Take a few moments to consider your own sinfulness in light of God's holiness. What thoughts or feelings come to mind? p. 115

The author uses the term "intimidating" to describe the presence of Jesus. What term would you use to describe our Lord and why? p. 116

The author states that "We are so used to mercy and grace that we think God has no right to be angry with sin." What are some examples from our modern day culture where this is true? p. 119

Can you think of a situation in your life where God has been patient, waiting for you to repent? p. 120

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What direction would you give to those who say they don't attend church because they can worship God from home or in nature? p. 137

When we consider that our bodies are the temple of the living God, how should that impact our lifestyle choices? p. 139

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The author describes worship as actively seeking to glorify God in practical ways. Based upon your reading thus far, what are some practical ways that you can worship the Lord? p. 175

In what areas has your faith in God grown the strongest in the past several months? Why? p. 176

What are some ways you can demonstrate gratefulness to your friends and family because of the kindness they have shown you? p. 178

Why do you think it is more likely for us to blame someone else for our sinfulness than accept full responsibility ourselves? Can you think of a time in your life when you did this? p. 179

Since God requires that you produce fruit in your good works, (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) which fruit seems to be the easiest for you to produce? Which one is the hardest? Why? p. 180

What do your prayers sound like lately? What have you asked for in the name of Jesus? p. 181

In this day and age of fast food, high-speed Internet service, and speedy everything, why do you think it is easy for the believer to feel discontented? p. 182

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How has your attitude and understanding of worship changed since reading this book? How has your life been impacted? p. 195

Appendix

What are two or three of your favorite hymns and gospel songs and why do you enjoy them? p. 198

The author listed a few examples of songs that carry little to no theological impact. Can you think of any other Christian songs that fall into this category? p. 200

Based upon what has transpired in the past century, where do you see church music in the next one hundred years? What do you think it will sound like? p. 209

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