

Ambassador

Lesson 7



How Do You Worship God?

Here is a challenge for you. Take a minute and think about what color is the air? Do you have a guess? Go ahead and just think about it. Okay, if you don't know, how about this? Find a piece of paper and draw wind. You can use whatever color you decide, just draw wind. Now you're probably thinking, "I can't really draw wind but I can draw the results of wind," and you'd be right. How can you really describe something you can't really see? You know that air exists because you breathe it and you see its results, and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see wind moving flags in the air or watch it cause trees to sway back and forth.



So what's the point? The point is this...there are some things we can't see with our physical eye but we know they exist. We know in chemistry that there are numerous gas elements that are on earth but we can't see them. We also know that if you were to grab your cell phone and call one of your friends, some kind of signal is being sent across the country in some way, but you still can't see it.

For some, this can be extremely troublesome concerning their faith, which is why it is important to pay careful attention to the Second Commandment that God gave Moses. And that is:

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth." Exodus 20:4

A Closer Look at Worship

For many, when they first examined the Ten Commandments, they would always combine the first commandment with the second. But it is extremely important to note the main difference between them. The first commandment has to do with **WHOM** we worship, while the second commandment has to do with **HOW** we worship God.

This commandment calls us to examine ourselves and the way we worship God. How do you worship God?

- Do you often attend services because you feel you have to?
- Are you easily distracted because the person singing the solo is completely off and moves their hands in a way that annoys you?
- Do you even need music to worship?

The purpose of these questions is to identify if there are any things that may be in the way of your being able to worship. While it is also important to note all these things listed above can be a part of worship, they are not worship itself.

Let's turn to John 4, starting at the 7th verse. This is a story of Jesus encountering a woman from Samaria. And in this conversation with the woman, Jesus shared an incredible truth on how we are to not only worship but how we should worship God. Read verses 23-25



“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 16:25

First, God is a spirit. God is real and He does exist. He isn't some made up idea nor is He a fictional character. In fact Genesis 1:26 says,

“...Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”

We are created in His likeness and we reflect Him. That's why it's essential to examine our lives. Do we reflect Christ in our lifestyle? (Read 1st Corinthians 11:1)

Second, we must worship in truth. Don't fake your faith. If you find yourself going through the motions of your Christian walk, you're doing yourself no good. Let's call it X-Box faith. It's not the real thing. It's man-made; artificial; it's what it is...a simulation. 2 Timothy 3:5 gives a clear description of what X-Box faith is...

*“Holding to a **form of godliness**, although they have denied its power...”*

It's very easy to fake yourself through church and even camp. But understand this, because we worship God in truth, He knows us. Not only did He create us, but He lives within us (if we have been born again). That is the great joy we as Christians hold on to, the very fact that we don't need anything to worship Him; we can go to Him just as we are and have a continual relationship with Him. The way we can ultimately worship God is with our life. Read Romans 12:1-



*“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual service of worship**.”*

In closing, take this time to examine yourself and your worship to God, for it is clear in His commandments that we are to avoid idols. An idol can be defined as anything that you may place before God. So take some time to pray and ask God to search you and reveal if and how you may have not been worshipping **“Him in spirit and truth.”**

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Think About It



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Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that are on our website in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. Do you have a “form” of godliness (meaning an area where you are fake)? If so, how?
2. How would you describe God?
3. What’s important to you when it comes to worship?
4. How is your life going to reflect Christ?