

WORSHIP FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Mark 12:29-30

29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is*: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment.

WORSHIP – FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Worship is more about **perspective** than it is about **performance**. When you live with a perspective of glorifying God first in *all* you do – then *anything* you do becomes an act of worship.

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Worship Defined:

Worship is our appropriate response to the self-revelation of God, it's the appropriate, fitting, and commensurate reaction to God's self-revelation.

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- True worship is birthed in response to WHO GOD IS. It's birthed out of a heart that has taken inventory of the excellencies of God: His nature, his attributes, his divine character.
- The word for WORSHIP comes from the (Old English word, 'weorthscipe = worth-ship). **Worship is grasping the worth of God, then giving him what he is worth.**

WORSHIP IS FUELED BY REFLECTION

- **Romans 11:33** “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!”
- **Psalms 139** – Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it’s too much, I can’t comprehend it.’
- When I think of the Goodness of Jesus....

YOUR POSTURE REFLECTS YOUR PERSPECTIVE

- Take your shoes off, you're standing on holy ground
 - Worship is an external expression which conveys an inward spiritual reality that you're in God's Presence.
 - Worship transcends you from the secular to the sacred.
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GOD WANTS FRESH/NEW WORSHIP

- Psalm 96:1

*Oh, sing to the Lord a **new** song!*

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

GOD WANTS WORSHIP TO BE MISSIONAL

- Psalm 96:2

*Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His
salvation from day to day.*

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