

Genesis 4:3-8: Worship.

Hebrews 11:4 - *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

Isaiah 29:13 - *Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,*

Worship is the expression of devotion, reverence and or worth-ship towards God.
Gift or Sacrifice.

For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose -- and all of this gathered up in adoration...Warren W. Wiersbe.

Exodus 20:2-5 - *And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before Me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.*

To worship God is to recognize his worth or worthiness; to look God-ward, and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see. The Bible calls this activity "glorifying God" or "giving glory to God"

The chief end of man is to worship God and to enjoy him forever.

Missions exist because worship doesn't.

Scripture teaches worshipping God in these ways:

i. **Praising God.**

Revelation 4:11 - *"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."*

ii. **Thanking Him.**

Psalms 100:4 - *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

iii. **Prayer/Asking Him.**

1Jo 5:15 - *And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

iv. **Offering Him gifts, Service and Self.**

Exodus 25:2 - *“Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.*

Mark 12:42-44 - *Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; “for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”*

Romans 12:1 - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

v. **Obeying His voice;**

1 Samuel 15:22 - *So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.*

vi. **Telling Others.**

Psalms 9:11 - *Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.*

Psalms 96:3 - *Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

Thus we might say that the basic formulas of worship are these: "Lord, you are wonderful"; "Thank you, Lord"; "Please Lord"; "Take this, Lord"; "Yes, Lord"; "Listen everybody."

...worship is acceptable to God in the measure to which the one who offers it is in fellowship with Him in character and conduct; and the test of this is in our relationship with Him and our fellow men. G.C. Morgan.

Worship should be the focus and goal of all life and ministry.