

Worship God

The Theology and Practice of Worship (Part Two)

Biblical Foundations

Review

➤ *Worship is ascribing honor and worth to God as God*

- the chief end of God in creation is His own glory
- the chief end of created beings is to glorify God

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Questions

1. Does God create us and command our praise because He needs it?
2. How is God's repeated command to praise Him loving and not vain?

Biblical Foundations (2)

Acts 17:16-31

- 24) The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands,
25) neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things;

Biblical Foundations (2)

1. God's Self-Sufficiency

- God creates out of His all-sufficient fulness not because of any need
- Worship is not "serving" God as though He lacks something; *worship is magnifying the all-sufficient worth of God*

Biblical Foundations (2)

Acts 17:16-31

- 26) and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,
27) that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
28) for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

Biblical Foundations (2)

2. Man's Fulfillment in God

A. We are made for God

- We find our deepest satisfaction and joy in knowing and delighting in God
- The most loving thing God can give to us is Himself (i.e. glory Himself to us)

Biblical Foundations (2)

"God is the one being in the universe for whom self-exaltation is the highest virtue and the most loving act."

"The love of God for sinners is not his making much of them, but graciously freeing and empowering them to enjoy making much of him."

- John Piper

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B. Praise is the expression of delight in God

- We praise what we admire and enjoy
- Praise is the consummation of our joy; delight is incomplete until it is expressed