

NEW CHRISTIAN BASICS – Part Six: WORSHIP

WORSHIP HIM

Most of the time when you read the word worship in the Old Testament it meant the following: Strong's 7812

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

bow self down, crouch, fall down flat, humbly beseech, do reverence, worship

A primitive root; to depress, i.e. Prostrate (especially reflexive, in homage to royalty or God) -- bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.



Worshipping the Lord in Kenya

Psalm 95:6 – O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.



Lying prostrate before the LORD

2 Sam.12:16 - David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces to the LORD in front of all of the congregation of the assembly of Israel. (Numb.14:5)

Many times in the Bible when angels were sent to deliver a message from God the people would fall down before them as if to worship because of God's power and glory shining and showing forth from the angel, but the angel would always say, not to worship him, but to worship God. Today we have so many saying they saw an angel or this or that and are so flippant about it. Are they really seeing angels if it seems such a common thing and they were not in fear and awe?

Let's look at a passage of what happened after Elijah had challenged the prophets of baal and God responded so that all the people knew without any doubt that He is the One True and Living God.

1 King 18:39 - And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, He *is* the God; the LORD, He *is* the God.

Are we too proud to get on our face and do reverence to the LORD? Ungodly pride is a sin. How dare we come into His house and say we give Him all of us and yet we don't even sing to Him, don't raise our hands to Him, don't kneel or bow or lay prostrate before Him and don't even do this in our homes either. Shame on us for all of this is sin. He is Holy and He is Worthy.

Psalm 63:3-4 – Because Thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

Raising your hands when you sing to Him, when you pray to Him, when you think about Him, raising your hands to Him is worshipping Him.

When people **raise** their **hands** during **worship** at church, whether they know it or not, they are admitting that they are weak and without any power aside from the power they receive through the Holy Spirit. They're praising God by physically and publicly demonstrating to Him that they need Him.



If you aren't doing this, examine yourself to find out why. We serve a Holy God and He is worthy of all of our worship. Are you embarrassed, worried about what others think? Is your pride in the way? Whatever is holding you back from worshipping God the way He deserves to be worshipped must be dealt with. You want nothing standing in the way between you and God. The root of what is holding you back is satan trying to keep a wedge between you and God.



Psalm 143:6 – I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul *thirsteth* after Thee, as a thirsty land.

WORSHIP in DANCE to the LORD

2 Samuel 6:14-16 - And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. v.20 - Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!



King David was not naked, perhaps it was a comment in regards to shedding his royal clothing and in her eyes being seen as a commoner even by servants of his servants. Or since he was not arrayed in all of his kingly garments, maybe whatever he had on was thin or see through. Whatever the case, Michael was reproving King David for being seen on their level and not upholding his royal status. However, King David did what he did to please God and not man.

He was not club dancing, he was not trying to “work it”, he wasn’t rubbing up on a woman, there was not a pole involved. He was dancing with a heart for the LORD, happy to have the ark of God coming back into the city. He was putting all

he had into dancing for the LORD and because it was with a right heart, this was worship to the LORD.

WORSHIP WITH YOUR MONEY

When you really love God, you want to be like Christ, that's what Christian means. Jesus was about His Father's business, always bringing glory to the Father. When we offer ourselves to God, we offer all of ourselves up to Him and that includes our money too.

Matt.13:45-46 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

In that same way, that is what God is to those that love Him. He is the true love of our lives. He is to be valued most precious above all else in our lives. We honor Him by the things we do and say when we are His.

1 COR. 10:31 – Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.



Is this your focus in life? Do you place this above God? Is this your idol?

Money is a big part of life and that part of our lives is to be placed on the altar to God too, just like our fleshly lives are. We honor God with what He has blessed us with and in so doing we are giving to the ministry of Christ. By doing this we are laying up treasures in heaven. We are to be mindful that everything comes from our Father above and is to be used for His glory. So as we work and earn and

budget and spend and save, we should honor God in being good stewards of our money. And be obedient to give to Him what He requires.

Heb. 7:8 - And here men that die receive tithes; but there he (Jesus Christ) *receiveth them*, of Whom it is witnessed that He liveth. **Mandella effect as I see other translations saying Melchizedek and also / he was living** No, a witness to the fact that He lives is always meant for Jesus Christ.

Jesus is receiving our tithes in heaven and recording all that we do. God keeps records of all we do and say.

Malachi 3:8-12 – Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove (test) Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour (empty out) you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke (keep back) the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground (today the fruit of our ground – what we labor for at work is money); neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field (God will protect and bless our money), saith the LORD of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of Hosts.**

Do you want the windows of heaven opened to you? or Closed?



This is what most of us look like. That used to be me and my family too. Wanted more for only ourselves. And we were so in debt because of how we were living. When we came to God He got a hold of our hearts and showed us His plan of how it should be and how to love and help others by giving to Jesus and working for His Kingdom with what God was blessing us with. Is this you? Selfishness and greed is a sin and if this is still you then God doesn't have your full heart or obedience. You could be a baby Christian just learning of His ways, but otherwise if this is you, you are working against God and don't have His full blessing flowing in your life. When you tithe, which is a tenth of what you receive, you are bringing God's blessing on your finances.

God expects your tithes, if you don't pay them, He told the Israelites they were robbing Him, and were cursed because of it. **(No thief will enter heaven.)** He is the same God yesterday, today, and forever. This still applies to us today. It is your choice to honor and obey Him or not. If not, be assured you will be under a curse because of it. The church was to be the place of ministry before the Lord and He set it up to be supported by the people. In so doing, the church would be able to be a help to the people where and when help was needed. This is malfunctioning today as satan is taking over more and more false churches. Mega churches sitting on gold mines while God's true churches are scraping by. People used to depend on the churches in time of need, coming to God's house and being fed spiritual bread as well as natural bread. satan has pushed the church from that position and now people look to their governments to support them. That works out better for satan to keep the people from being ministered to.

In addition to meeting God's requirement of tithes, He wants you to give with a cheerful heart. If it isn't with the right attitude of love and doing it as unto Jesus Christ, then you might as well not do it at all.

2 Cor.9:7 - Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

This scripture is not about the tithe, it is about an offering. They are different. You pay your tithes to the church, God's house. Wherever you are being fed spiritually and growing in faith, that is where you pay your tithe. Your giving or as

the Bible also calls alms, can go wherever God leads you to give. To a person in need, to a worthy cause etc. When you give to God's house be sure it is a true church about His business, we will answer for what we did with His resources.

I did a thorough teaching on tithing and giving because God gave me a revelation about being a worthy Bride. Part of being worthy is to honor Him with the tithe. Why would God take someone in the rapture who held back their money showing that they are depending and trusting in themselves instead of Him and walking in disobedience to Him. They are not worthy to be the Bride. In the teaching I address the situations that some of you are in where you are not equally yoked and your spouse may not believe in tithing. I also address what to do if you are financially burdened because you were living for yourself and not honoring God with what He has given you. I used to be that way, we were living for ourselves and had gotten ourselves in debt so when we came to God we had to go through a little rearranging to put Him first.

When we give our tithes and offerings it is an outward act of worship that shows how much we love and treasure Him. We are not to be fearful in our giving, He is the Good Shepherd and He gives us all that we need and takes care of us.

Luke 12:32-34 – Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Sell that you have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Jesus first said don't be afraid, this is stated all through the Bible. God loves to bless and take care of us. Then He told the disciples to sell something so they could give to help someone else. He did not tell them to sell everything they had. He did tell the rich young ruler to sell all he had and come and follow Him. Because Jesus knew that the rich young ruler's idol was money and stuff. God is to be our treasure, the One we long for and when He is our treasure, then our heart will be with Him in heaven.



Teach your children the ways of the Lord when they are young so that when they are older they will not depart. If you teach your kids to pay tithes and give to the Lord now, they will not face all the problems that we faced trying to change our finances around to put God first where He belonged all along. Kennedy pays tithes any time she receives or finds any money. She also gives as she is moved to by God's Spirit. Show your kids how they are blessing and working for God's Kingdom with what they do.



Kids at church in Kenya getting to have a snack. You all are helping to make this possible.



L: Little children in India learning about Jesus R: Children in the hostel in India

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Let your children know they are giving to Jesus and by so doing helping to do God's work in this world to bless those that don't have the things they do. These little children here in India that don't have much even honor God and help to support their families with what they receive.

God will bless you and reward you for worshipping Him with your money. I did a separate teaching on tithing called:

Three Hearts teaching "A Worthy Bride – Tithing: Part One"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79HhYgl-5oQ&t=281s>

We are to worship God with our possessions too. How we get them and use them will show God how much we love Him and not money. A true Christian is not about acquiring a lot of things. But rather about using what they have to glorify God. Don't cut off God's hand of blessing by being selfish or greedy or by having a lack of faith to give to the ministry of Christ because you don't think God can or will take care of you. If you have a problem giving to God's true ministries, then you should seek Him on this because His full blessing is not flowing in your life, your finances are not being blessed, and you will not be part of the Bride of Christ because you are in disobedience to Him and not moving in faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb.11:6)

PRAYER