WORSHIP...

Worship...

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- God Jealously Seeks our Worship.

What is Worship?

- 'to accord God proper recognition of His greatness and value.'
- Worship involves all that we are our attitudes, emotions, actions, mind and will. It is the total adoring response of all that man is to all that the one and eternal God is and does. In worship we recognize and adore God, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, and seek by the power of the Holy Spirit to give God the glory, honor, praise, submission and service, which he deserves.

So why did God create at all?

He created that we might bring Him glory; He created that we might willingly and exuberantly worship Him.

Why Worship?

- The one who worships God is also the one transformed into His likeness.
- Worship empties us of pride and reveals our sin and weaknesses.
- We find spiritual enablement as a result of worship.

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- God Jealously Seeks our Worship.
- He is worthy of our worship.

Attributes of God...

"Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry. Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky."

Hymn: The Love of God, Frederick M. Lehman.

Job 26

Man's Frailty and God's Majesty

1 But Job answered and said: 2 "How have you helped him who is without power? How have you saved the arm that has no strength? 3 How have you counseled one who has no wisdom? And how have you declared sound advice to many?

4 To whom have you uttered words? And whose spirit came from you? 5 "The dead tremble, Those under the waters and those inhabiting them. 6 Sheol is naked before Him, And Destruction has no covering. 7 He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing. 8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken under it. **9** He covers the face of *His* throne, *And* spreads His cloud over it. **10** He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, At the boundary of light and darkness. **11** The pillars of heaven tremble, And are astonished at His rebuke. **12** He stirs up the sea with His power, And by His understanding He breaks up the storm. 13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent. 14 Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, And how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?"

Westminster Assembly; Confessions of Faith.

"There is only one living and true God. Who is infininte in being and perfection, a completely pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts or emotions, unchangeable, immensely vast, eternal, limitless, almighty, completely wise, completely holy, completely free, and completely absolute."

Central Mountains Baptist Church Constitution.

Article IV Section 2.

"We believe there is one and only one eternally living and true God, who is an infinite Spirit, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honour, confidence and love. We believe the Father is God, the Son is God and the Spirit is God; yet we believe in one God. The Father, Son and Spirit are equal in every perfection, but exercise distinct and harmonious roles as they act. In particular they had different roles in the great work of redemption."

- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- 2 Peter 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

God is, Self Existent & Eternal.

Exodus 3:14, And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

God is Infinite.

- 1 Kings 8:27 27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!
- Isaiah 50:1-2 Thus says the LORD, "Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions your mother has been put away. 2 Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer? Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink because there is no water, And die of thirst.
- Jeremiah 32:17 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

God is Immutable. (unchanging)

- Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
- Hebrews 1:12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

God is Omnipotent (all powerful), Omnipresent (present everywhere), Omniscient (all knowing).

- Revelation 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
- Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.
- 1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

God is Spirit.

 Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

God is Holy.

- 1 John 1:5 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- 1 Timothy 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.
- Deuternonomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.
- 2 Samuel 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
- Exodus 15:11 "Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

God is Merciful.

- Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).
- Peter 3:9 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

God is Just.

• Acts 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

God is Loving.

- 1 John 4:8 says, He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. How much does God love,
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 19:1So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.
- Matthew 27:30Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

God is Faithful.

- Psalm 89:1-2 will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

"I suppose I must go and look for another stream then." The lion said, "There is no other stream."