

Joshua had a similar experience as he led the Israelites into the Promised Land. When he approached "the Commander of the Lord's army," he was told to take off his sandals because he stood on holy ground (Josh. 5:13-15).

The experiences of Moses and Joshua vividly teach us that a holy God demands our reverence and respect. True, we are encouraged to "come boldly to the throne of grace" (Heb. 4:16), and we can enter the presence of God with confidence because Christ has opened the way for us through His sacrificial death on the cross. But we are never to approach God with disrespect. Our heavenly Father is not "the man upstairs." He is God, the One who is "high and lifted up" (Isa. 6:1). As the one true God, He is worthy of our highest adoration and praise.

God not only desires our devotion and respect, He deserves it. He is worthy of our heartfelt worship. –RWD

*Worthy is God of our worship,
Worthy is He of our praise,
Magnify Him with thanksgiving,
Gladly our voices we raise. –Anon.*

True worship acknowledges the true worthship of God.



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Worthy Of Worship

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool—He is holy. —Psalm 99:5

As Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep in the desert, his attention was drawn to a strange sight. A bush was burning, but it was not being consumed. As he looked more closely at this phenomenon, he heard a voice say to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5).





Heart Song

Essence of Worship



O Great God of Highest Heaven

Psalms 99 reveals two actions involved in the essence of worship:

1. _____ God,
 ◆ God's transcendence (far above/greatness)
 God is S _____, verse 1
(Isaiah 57:15) For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
 "I dwell in the high and holy place, ...
 God is E _____, verse 2
 God is H _____, verses 3, 5, 9
 God is J _____, verse 4
- ◆ God's immanence (nearness/goodness)
 God _____ us and _____ us, verses 6-8
 God _____ us, verse 8



2. Responding to what you _____,

- ◆ T _____ before Him, verse 1

(Exodus 15:11-16) "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? ... (14) "The people will hear and be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. (15) Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. (16) Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be as still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O LORD, Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. *(Ezekiel 43:5-7)* The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. (6) Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. (7) And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. *(Isaiah 11:9)* They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

- ◆ P _____ Him, verses 3, 4

- ◆ E _____ Him, verse 5

(Isaiah 66:1) Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. ... *(Lamentations 2:1)* How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion With a cloud in His anger! .. His footstool In the day of His anger. *(Psalms 132:7)* Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool. *(1 Chronicles 28:2)* Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, ...

- ◆ P _____ to Him, verse 6

(Romans 11:33-34) 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! (34) "FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? OR WHO HAS BECOME HIS COUNSELOR?"

- ◆ O _____ Him, verse 7

(1 Samuel 15:22) ... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. *(Romans 12:1)* I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [translation] *(Colossians 3:22)* Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

- ◆ C _____ to Him, verse 8

- ◆ A _____ His judgements, verse 8

(Romans 8:1) There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, ... *(John 15:2)* Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; ... *(John 15:6)* If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. *(John 15:2)*and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

