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**LET US DRAW NEAR
Perspectives on Biblical Worship**

**2. The Centrality Of Worship**

**Introduction**

1. Everybody worship
2. Competing worships
3. True worship

**The Centrality of Worship in *Creation***

 Genesis 1:1

 Psalm 71:19; 1 Chronicles 17:20; Exodus 8:10; Isaiah 46:9; 42:8

 Revelation 4:12; Psalm 95:6

 Revelation 22:8-9; 19:10

**The Centrality of Worship in the *Fall***

Isaiah 14:14; Genesis 3:5

 Romans 1:20-25

 The central issue in the Fall:

**The Centrality of Worship in *Redemption***

 1. The *Second* Adam chose differently (Matthew 4:8-10)

2. *“Why did Christ come? Why was He conceived? Why was He born? Why was He crucified? Why did He rise again? Why is He now at the right hand of the Father?*

*The answer to all these questions is, ‘in order that He might make worshipers out of rebels; in order that He might restore us again to the place of worship we knew when we were first created.’”*

*(A. W. Tozer)*

3. Christ came to restore true worship by reversing the effects of the Fall

(Romans 1:21-25)

4. Christ came to create true worshipers (John 4:23)

 **The Centrality of Worship in *the Gospel***

1. The Gospel is a call to turn from false worship to true worship (1 Thessalonians 1:9; Acts 14:15)
2. The Goal of the Gospel (Hebrews 10:19-22)
3. Worship and the Gospel (summary)
4. God is the Creator, unique in His glory and alone worthy of worship.
5. The Fall usurped God’s claim to exclusive worship.
6. Christ came to undo the effects of the fall and to enable true worship.
7. The Gospel then is a call to all mankind to come to the Father through Christ, a call to worldwide worship, to the glory of God.

**The Centrality of Worship in *Missions***

*“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. . . . Missions is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”* (John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad)*

1. Worship is the *goal* of missions (Psalm 67:3-4) (Great Commission🡪Great Commandment)
2. Worship is the *fuel* of missions (Great Commandment🡪Great Commission)
3. God’s *goal* for the nations (Psalm 67:1-4)
4. God’s *sufficiency* for the nations (Psalm 22:27; 46:10; 66:4; 86:9; Habakkuk 2:14)
5. God’s *call* to the nations (Psalm 148:11-13)
6. Our role (Psalm 105:1; 96:2-4; 117:1)

**The Centrality of Worship in *All of Life* (John 4)**

1. Jesus breaks down *geographical* barriers (4:3-4)
2. Jesus breaks down *social* barriers (4:5-9)
3. Jesus breaks down *spiritual* barriers (4:10-15)
4. Jesus breaks down *religious* barriers (4:16-26)
5. A “question” about worship (4:19-20)
6. Jesus changes the rules (4:21,23)

worship in *spirit*

worship in *truth*

 worship in spirit *and* truth

1. a new program (Romans 12:1)

d. what God seeks (John 4:23; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

**The Centrality of Worship in *Heaven*  (Revelation 5; Philippians 3:20)**