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**Perspectives on Biblical Worship**

 **1. The God Whom We Worship**

***Introduction: Why “Biblical” Worship?***

**1. God is the SUBJECT of our worship. God’s Word tells us *who He is*.**

**2. God is the OBJECT of our worship. God’s Word tells *what He wants*.**

**3. God’s WORD is our *guide* (Psalm 119:105).**

**4. God’s Word tells us that *all of life is worship* (Romans 12:1).**

**5. God’s Word is *our only unchanging standard* (Psalm 119:89).**

1. **Only God’s Word can give us a unified understanding of worship.**

***A. Revelation And Response: The Pattern of True Worship***

 **1. A CRUCIAL ORDER!**

 a. “Religion”: **MAN’S** initiative

 b. Christianity: **GOD’S** initiative

 **2.** **The Biblical Pattern of Redemption**

 a. THE OLD COVENANT

 (1) Abraham (Genesis 15:6)

 (2) Redemption and the Law (Exodus 20)

 b. THE NEW COVENANT

 Salvation by grace through faith/response of works

 (Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Corinthians 6:20)

 **3. The Biblical Pattern of Worship**

 **4.** ***NO THEOLOGY WITHOUT DOXOLOGY!*** (Romans 11:33-36)

 “The purpose of *theology* is *doxology*; we *study* in order to *praise*.” (Packer)

 **5.** ***NO DOXOLOGY WITHOUT THEOLOGY!*** (Psalm 48:10; 96:4; 150:2)

 **6. Implications**

 a. The Word in Worship

b. Complete the Cycle

 c. Worship as Dialogue (a conversation)

***D.* *The Glory Of God***

1. **What do we mean by “the glory of God”?**
2. **The Uniqueness of God and His Glory**
3. *“Who is [a God] like You?” (Exodus 15:11; Psalm 35:10; 71:19; 89:8;*

*Micah 7:18)*

*b. “There is none/no one/no God like You.” (2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kings 8:23; 1 Chronicles 17:20; 2 Chronicles 6:14; Psalm 86:8; Jeremiah 10:6,7)*

 *c. “There is no one like the Lord our God.” (Exodus 8:10)*

*d. “There is no one holy like the Lord, indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.” (1 Samuel 2:2)*

*e. “ ‘You are My witnesses,’ declares the Lord, ‘and My servant whom I have*

*chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and there is no savior besides Me. It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, and there was no strange god among you; so you are My witnesses,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I am God. Even from eternity I am He, and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?’ “ (Isaiah 43:10-13)*

*f. “I am the Lord; that is my Name; I will not give my glory to another.” (Isaiah 42:8)*

“Through the prophet He announces, ‘*My glory I give to no other’ (Isa. 42:8; 48:11).* What is involved here is the divine uniqueness, the right to be acknowledged as supreme. This lies at the heart of the biblical concept. . . . He occupies a solitary throne that allows no place for a rival.” (E.F. Harrison, Int*ernational Standard Bible Encyclopedia,* “glory” II.479)

 **3. The Bible is “*The Story of His Glory”***

 a. in *Creation* (Ps. 19:1; Is. 43:6-7)

 b. in *the Fall* (Rom. 1:21-25; 3:23)

 c. in *Jesus Christ* (John 1:14; Heb. 1:1-3)

 (1) His Preincarnate Glory(John 17:5)

 (2) His Incarnate Glory Foretold (John 12:41)

 (3) His Incarnation and Ministry (John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3)

 (4) His Suffering and Death (John 12:27-28; Hebrews 2:9)

 (5) His Resurrection (Romans 6:4; 1 Peter 1:21)

 (6) His Ascension (1 Timothy 3:16)

 (7) His Exaltation (John 17:5)

(8) His Second Coming (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

d. in *Redemption*

1. Ephesians 1:5-6,12,14
2. Reversing the cycle(Romans 1:21-25): Christ redeemed us that we might:
* *Glorify God as God and give thanks (21)*
* *Exchange images for the glory of the incorruptible God (23)*
* *Exchange the lie for the truth about God (25)*
* *Worship and serve the Creator rather than the creature (25)*

 e. in *Sanctification* (1 Corinthians 10:31; John 15:8; 1 Pet. 4:11)

 f. in *Heaven* (Revelation 21:23; 5:13)

**All that is, and all that happens, is for His glory:**

**“*For from him and through him and to him are all things.***

***To him be glory forever. Amen!” (Rom. 11:36)***

 **B. GOD’S GLORY AND WORSHIP**

 **1. Worship is *Our Response to the Glory of God***

 ***(all that we* are responding to *all that He is)***

* Recognizing the glory of God with our *minds*
* Cherishing the glory of God with our *hearts*
* Proclaiming the glory of God with our *mouths*
* Celebrating the glory of God in *all of life*

**2. References**

*“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in Holy array.” (Psalm 29:2)*

*“Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.” (Revelation 14:7)*