

Biblical Worship

Scripture Reference: Philippians 3:1-3

Hebrew

Shachah – to bow down

Abad – to serve

Yare – to fear, revere

Greek

Proskuneo – to bow down, "kiss toward"

Latreuo – to serve

Sebomai – to revere, hold in awe

Leitourgia – corporate worship and ministry

Biblically based definition of worship: Worship is recognizing God's worth, holiness, and glory, and responding by bowing before Him in reverent humility, offering our whole lives to Him in devoted service — both personally, moment by moment, and corporately, as His gathered people adore and serve Him together.

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh," Philippians 3:1-3 NKJV

Paul warns against 3 groups of people:

1. _____ – ancient term for unclean scavengers, stubborn teachers who attack the true gospel
2. _____ – those who promote a false message that humans must earn God's love through strict rules and good deeds
3. _____ – sarcastic nickname for religious hardliners who insisted that non-Jewish believers must follow the old Jewish legal code to be saved and undergo physical circumcision

What keeps us safe?

- _____ the Gospel
- _____ in Christ's finished work instead of our empty works of the flesh

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1. Starts with _____ and seeing Him _____. True worship originates _____.
 - Philippians "worship God *in the Spirit*"
 - Isaiah 6:1 "I saw the Lord"

2. Continues with _____. True worship brings _____; it crushes pride and opens the heart to _____.
- Philippians "no confidence in the flesh"
 - Isaiah 6:5 "woe is me, I am a man of unclean lips"
3. Continues with _____. True worship receives _____. We cannot cleanse ourselves.
- Philippians "We are the true circumcision"
 - Isaiah 6:6–7 "Your guilt is taken away..." coal on the lips
4. Is fulfilled in _____. True worship leads to a _____.
- Philippians "rejoicing in Christ Jesus" willing to go anywhere, even to suffer for Christ
 - Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am. Send me."
 - True worship holds _____.

What holds us back from worshiping with abandon? _____,

- _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
- John 12/ Luke 7 Woman with perfume poured out costly perfume, personal dignity and public reputation. Others saw _____. She saw _____. True worship is _____.
 - Paul considered everything a loss compared to knowing Christ Jesus.
 - Worship becomes _____ when Jesus becomes priceless. It _____ Jesus above everything else.

