

1. Hebrew and Greek words for worship

עֲבַד *ābad*

“work, be worked, serve, reduce to servitude, worship, be made to serve;

Deuteronomy 6:13, “You shall fear the LORD your God and serve [NASB: ‘worship’] Him, and shall take oaths in His name.”

שָׁחָה *shāchāh*: fall prostrate, be
despondent

**προσκυνέω *proskyneō* “to kiss, adore, throw
a kiss in respect of someone; to worship,
prostrate oneself before a superior.”**

Matthew 2:2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:11, “And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down [*pipto*] and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

λατρεία *latreía*; serving or worshipping God

Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*”

Worship is the submission and subordination of the creature to the Creator to honor and glorify the Creator.

To submit or subordinate my opinions, preferences, thoughts, philosophy of life, finances, politics, emotions, relationships, attitudes, actions, time, priorities to the authority of God's Word. Thus worship is a complex idea which involves a number of aspects, from private prayer to public expressions of thanks and the singing of hymns which reinforce and reflect on God, His Person and Works; also includes bringing sacrifices and gifts to personal Christian service. Worship can be both individual and corporate. We may sometimes be emotionally stimulated by worship, but that is not the criterion of worship, only a by-product.

Worship is what we do in church.

Worship is experiencing God.

Worship is feeling God's presence.

Worship is singing to God.

Worship is praising God.

Worship is making an offering to God.

Worship is a form of prayer.

Worship is love.

Worship is engaging with God.

Worship is serving God.

Worship is devotion to God.

Worship is ascribing worth to God.

Genesis 22:5, “And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you’.”

Genesis 24:26, “Then the man bowed down his head and worshiped the LORD.”

Genesis 24:48, “And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son.”

Judges 7:15, “And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, ‘Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand’.”

5. Corporate Worship began to develop at the Exodus and at Mount Sinai in response to God's redemption and revelation.

Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.”

Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Ezekiel 28:13, “The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.” [NASB settings and sockets]

Genesis 4:21, “His brother’s name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute.”