

William Temple: "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God."

David Peterson: "Worship of the living and true God is essentially an engagement with Him on the terms that He proposes and in the way that He alone makes possible."

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John Stott: Christians believe that true worship is the highest and noblest activity of which man, by the grace of God, is capable.

Louie Giglio: Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.

Warren Weirsbe: Worship is the believer's response to all they are—mind, emotions, will, body—to what God is and says and does.

"Worship is my recognition of God's glorious revelation of Himself and my response to His gracious initiative in my life."

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"Worship is all of me responding to all I know of Him."

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's...

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above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him...

19The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all... ²²Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

—Psalm 103:1-5, 11-13, 19, 22 ESV

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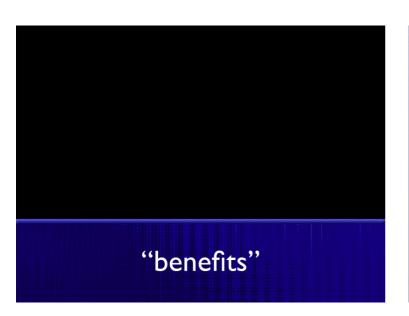


Fsalm 103:1-5

God Provokes Our Worship
With Acts of Grace

"Grace is God's initiative of goodness and kindness toward us even when we are ignorant, defiant and rebellious toward Him."

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²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

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²⁵In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

—I Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

"Strong affections for God, rooted in and shaped by the truth of Scripture—this is the bone and marrow of biblical worship." —John Piper

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⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth... ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.

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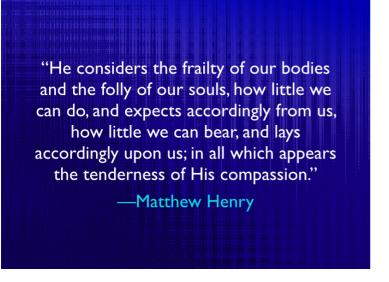
10Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

—Isaiah 53:4-7, 9-11 ESV

Psalm 103:13-18

God Invites Our Worship Despite
Our Limitation and Weakness

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Psalm 103:19

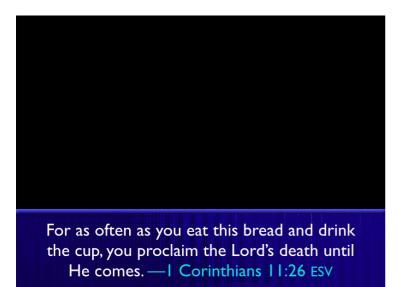
God Deserves Our Worship
Because of His Sovereign Rule

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"We are drifting toward a religion which, consciously or unconsciously, keeps its eye on humanity rather than deity."—Evelyn Underhill

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