

# THE BENEFITS OF TRUE WORSHIP

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*“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” {John 4:23,24}* As I travel down the road and pass many so-called churches, I’m amazed at what I see. There are signs that advertise Bikers Sunday, Bring-a-Neighbor Day, Traditional and Contemporary Worship, Cruise-Drive-In on Saturday, and my personal favorite, Come-As-You-Are Casual Sunday. What does God think about these gimmicks and slogans? A study of His word clearly shows that God desires a certain type—true and according to His design and pattern—worship. Let’s examine some benefits of true worship. Worshipers have a sense of:

**Belonging.** *“Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” {2 Corinthians 6:17,18}* In proper worship, we commune and share with God; we belong to him. Those who truly belong to God are willing to do whatever He asks them to do to please Him. Only true worship gives us this special feeling.

**Joyful Obedience.** *“Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.’” {Revelation 22:9}* When the angel brought Jesus’ revelation to John, on two different occasions, John fell down to worship the angel. Each time, the angel instructed John to worship only GOD. Only He is worthy of all praise, adoration, and honor. Our hearts should be filled with joy when we know that we obey God by following His pattern of worship. He accepts our worship and blesses us when we follow His divine instructions.

**Restfulness.** *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” {Philippians 4:6,7}* Peace of mind is a wonderful blessing. Our minds can be at ease when we know that God is accepting the things we are doing in our worship to Him, and He is blessing us as He receives our worship. But this can be true only if we follow His commands regarding how He wants us to worship.

**Security.** *“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’” {2 Timothy 2:19}* How can we be secure in knowing that our worship is acceptable in God’s sight? How can it not be acceptable if it’s according to His will and done to honor Him and not to honor ourselves?

**Quiet Strength.** *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” {Ephesians 6:10}* There is a quiet strength in knowing that when we worship God acceptably, He is in our midst sharing the time with us.

**Preparing for Heaven.** *“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever.’” {Revelation 5:13}* Worship is a wonderful privilege that prepares us for a far greater worship service around God’s

throne in Heaven. Be thankful for the opportunity to worship, and look upon it as an honor and privilege afforded us in this life which gets better later! \*\*\*