

## 2. The Body: Worship

### Discuss

People use the word “worship” in a number of different ways. What are some of them?

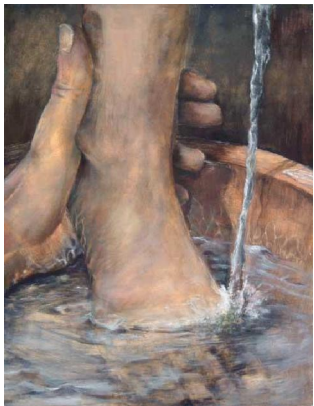
### Note

There are two different words used for worship in the New Testament. One is *latreia* as in Rom 12:1. This comes from the Old Testament where people did work or service to keep the temple running. In Romans 12 our worship is a spiritual act of service. A good work in response to what God has done.

The other word is *proskuneo* and it is far more common. This is the word we are focussing on in this study. Every use of this word is listed at the end of this study. This kind of worship has a subject and an object. Meaning – in every case one person is giving way to another. Worship here involves one person seeing their need to defer to another.

### Read Matthew 2:2, 8, 11

Who is in subjection to who in these verses? Who is subject to worship and who is the object? Why would these great men do such a thing?



### Read Matthew 4:8-11

What did Satan ask Jesus to do? Jesus replied with an absolute. What was it? How does that apply to us?

### Read Matthew 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25

How do these “worshippers” approach Jesus? What does each one want from Him?

### Read John 4:19-26

Who will true worshippers, worship?  
What do you think it means to worship in spirit and in truth?



Some people raise their hands when they sing and pray. Others don't.

Some sing choruses with bands – others sing hymns to organs. Some people bow their knees when they take communion – others stand. Do you think any of those things matter more to you? Which ones and why? What do you think God's preferences are?

How should we treat one another over these issues?

### Read 1 Corinthians 14:22-25

How can our corporate worship have a positive impact on people worshipping God? Can you tell of a time when this happened? Are there things at church that we should change to help this to happen?

### **Read Revelation 14:6-13**

God is jealous for worship. How is that seen in this passage? What will He accept? What won't He?

### **Read Philippians 2:6-11**

The word worship isn't used but the concept of knees bowed in recognition of God and who He is, is. Evaluate your life right now. Are you a willing worshipper of Jesus? How does knowing who Jesus is affect how you live?

If you are not a willing worshipper of Jesus - can you see that on God's great day of judgement you will be forced to recognise Him even if you don't want to?

### **Pray**

- That everyday in every way we might worship Christ – letting Him rule our lives rather than ruling for ourselves.
- That our corporate worship at church would reflect who God is and who we are before Him.
- That we would be slow to judge other believers on the basis of outward appearance.
- That privately and corporately our worship of Christ would be from the heart.

### **Additional**

All the verses in the New Testament where proskuneo is used:

Matt. 2:2, 8, 11 Matt. 4:9f Matt. 8:2 Matt. 9:18 Matt. 14:33 Matt. 15:25 Matt. 18:26 Matt. 20:20 Matt. 28:9, 17

Mk. 5:6 Mk. 15:19

Lk. 4:7f Lk. 24:52

Jn. 4:20ff Jn. 9:38 Jn. 12:20

Acts 7:43 Acts 8:27 Acts 10:25 Acts 24:11

1 Co. 14:25

Heb. 1:6 Heb. 11:21

Rev. 3:9 Rev. 4:10 Rev. 5:14 Rev. 7:11 Rev. 9:20 Rev. 11:1, 16 Rev. 13:4, 8, 12, 15 Rev. 14:7, 9, 11 Rev. 15:4 Rev. 16:2 Rev. 19:4, 10, 20 Rev. 20:4 Rev. 22:8f