



# The Story of Worship

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*“What lies at the heart of worship is God’s continual movement toward the peoples of the world and the continual response of the people of God in faith and obedience.”*

**Robert Webber**

Hebrew “*Shacah*” & Greek “*Proskuneo*” BOTH mean to “*bow down*.” (Physical) Hebrew “*Avad*” & Greek “*Latreia*” BOTH mean “*service*” or “*lifestyle of allegiance*.” Hebrew “*Hodah*” means “*to give thanks or gratitude*.”

“Come, let us *worship(shacah)* and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”

**Psalm 95:6**

“Therefore I urge you, brothers by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of *worship(latreia)*.”

**Romans 12:1**

“Give *thanks(hodah)* to the Lord, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

**Psalm 136:1**

“God created man in *His own image*, in the *image of God* He created them.”

**Genesis 1:27**

“For God knows that in the day you eat from it (the tree), your eyes will be opened, and you will be *like God*, knowing good and evil.”

**Genesis 3:5**

“I said to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’ And to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up the horn; Do not lift up your horn on high, Do not speak with insolent *pride*.’”

**Psalms 75:4-5**

“They went off and worshiped other gods and *bowed down* to them, gods they did not know, gods he had not given them.”

**Deuteronomy 29:26**

“Beware that your hearts are not easily deceived, and that you do not *turn away* and serve *other gods* and worship them.”

**Deuteronomy 11:16**

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a *living sacrifice*, holy and acceptable to God, which is your *spiritual worship*. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

**Romans 12:1-2**

“If you cannot worship the Lord in the midst of your responsibilities on Monday, it is not very likely that you were worshipping on Sunday”

**A. W. Tozer**

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” “And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever.”

**Revelation 4:8-9**

“And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a *new song*, saying “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

**Revelation 5:8-9**

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering *myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands*, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

**Revelation 5:11-12**

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and *He will dwell among them*, and they shall be His people, and *God Himself will be among them*, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

**Revelation 21:3-4**

“I need to worship because without it, I can forget that I have a Big God beside me and I live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it, I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need to worship because my tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence.”

**John Ortberg**