

# EXALTING JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

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## PART 3: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH?

#### I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Definition: "Worship is the activity of glorifying God in his presence with our voices and hearts."

"Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence." Psalm 140:3

"Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves and making music to the Lord in your hearts." Eph. 5:19 NLT

#### • Worship is to be directed only to God.

"You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3

"You alone are the LORD. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you." Nehemiah 9:6

#### • Worship is far more than music.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

#### • Worship is not part of your life; it is your whole life.

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. 1 Pet. 3:15 NLT

"The most common mistake Christians make in worship today is seeking an experience rather than seeking God!" \_Rick Warren

#### • We are to worship because God commands it.

"Let my people go so that they may worship me". Exodus 7:16b

#### • We are to worship because God deserves it.

"...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:7

"...in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:12

#### • We are to worship because God put the urge in us

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God." (Psalm 42:1

#### II. HOW ARE WE TO WORSHIP?

### ullet We are to worship God ${f p}$ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" Mark 12:30 NIV "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, NIV) but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men." Isaiah 29:1 NIV • We are to worship God $\Gamma$ \_\_\_\_\_\_. "Have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long." Psalm 86:3 NIV "They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness" Psalm 89:16 NIV • We are to worship God a\_\_\_\_\_\_. "For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit<sup>1</sup> and in truth." John 4:24 NLT We are to worship God i "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." Matthew 6:6 NIV • We are to worship God with S\_\_\_\_\_\_. "Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him." Psalm 33:1 "Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" Psalm 100:2 NIV We are to worship God e

"I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning." Psalm 130:6

"In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests

before you and wait expectantly." Psalm 5:3 NIV



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "The human spirit is the immaterial aspects such as the intellect, will, conscience, mind, emotions, etc., that exist beyond the lifespan of the physical body" (Houdmann, S. Michael).