

We established in our last installment that these four terms: Veneration, Love, Adoration and Reverence are essential qualities that should comprise both personal and public worship.

We proposed that the true heart of worship overflows with these qualities.

As a worship leader these are the some of the guiding points I use to select songs and to measure my own worship.

### **Mastering Worship Fundamentals**

Imagine, if you will an eighth grade student who finds he can neither ***read, write or do arithmetic***. He finds nothing but frustration. He will be ***bored*** in History class because he can't read, bored in math class because he can't figure.

My point, ***there are fundamental elements to participating in public worship***.

Unless we learn the fundamentals, our participation will be hindered.

Worship is ***NEVER*** a Spectator Event, ***worship is always participatory***.

Much of today's worship reminds me of a book that surfaced a couple of years ago titled "Dog and Cat Worship". In short, the author's premise seemed to be:

*Dog: You feed me, you pet me, you shelter me, and you love me... You must be God!*

*Cat: You feed me, you pet me, you shelter me, you love me... I must be God!*

As immature Christians, we often see ourselves as so essential, supremely essential, that we easily surmise that worship is really about us, our needs, our preferences, and our taste. It is normal that adolescents should think that the whole world revolves around them. However, as we grow in the grace of our Lord, our world becomes enlarged, our understanding is increased and we begin to perceive that only He is supremely essential.

I believe it is imperative that we ask this defining question: Who is this for?

If our worship is for others then our worship actions will conform to what others expect.

If our worship is for God, alone, our actions will conform to His expectations.

Here are two helpful terms we can commit to memory:

- **Shachah** (OT); to prostrate one's self, To bow, **do** reverence.  
My father used to say "Did you hear me" to which I would reply "Yes sir", to which he would answer, "Son you didn't hear what I said. If you had heard me **you would have done what I ask.**" You do not simply have reverence, **you DO reverence.**  
I learned there is a difference between giving mental assent to an issue and actually doing what is required. (Proper Action)
- **Proskuneo**; (NT) to kiss toward, fawn or crouch, to prostrate. These Old and New Testament terms are essential to understanding a biblical view of worship.

In the first covenant, we worshiped from a distance. In the last covenant we worship close by, walking with, talking to and ready for service to our Lord of Lords.

Until next time, give your deepest worship to the Worthy One!

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