

Worship – Pt 5 worship Jesus because He is God

This is our fifth study on the topic of worship. We previously established– that there are 3 groups of worshippers (1) the lost who ignorantly worship a false god, and (2) the deceived who portray themselves as believers yet are of the synagogue of Satan, and (3) Christians who worship in truth and have turned from idol worship. In this study we establish that (1) Israel worshipped God because (i) He is holy, (ii) He is faithful, and (iii) they feared Him, and (2) the disciples worshipped Jesus as the Son of God.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded

Israel worshipped God because –

i) He is holy.

“Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy” (Ps.99: 5).
See also Ps.99: 9.

“Because of the beauty of His Holiness” (Ps.29: 2).

ii) He is faithful.

“Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, [and] his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful” (Is.49: 70).

iii) they feared Him.

“But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple” (Ps.5: 7). See also 2 Kg.17: 36.

2. The disciples worshipped Jesus as the Son of God.

“Then they that were in the ship...worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God” (Matt.14: 33).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life

The name we lift up is the god we worship, so the Hari Krishna walking down Queen street raising his hands and chanting Krishna is worshipping Krishna as his God.

Question to think about.

Can a born again Christian worship with a Jew, Jehovah Witness, Catholic or Hare Krishna?

Our answer from the scriptures.

NO! Why?

The Jews reject Jesus as both Lord and Christ (Israel’s Messiah) and, Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (Jn 14:6)
The Jehovah Witnesses reject that Jesus is God Almighty – the second member of the Triune God-head (1 Jn.5: 7 & 8).

Roman Catholic’s worship God through Mary. They elevate Mary to be sinless, and bow down and worship her the holy Mother of Jesus instead of Christ Jesus.

Hare Krishna worship Krishna “as the eighth manifestation of the god Vishnu”.

The angels worship Jesus as God (Heb.1: 6 & 8), Paul worshipped Jesus Christ as LORD (Acts 9: 5), the name that the Old Testament used for God Almighty, Jehovah. Hence in Acts 9: 4 Paul fell to the ground and trembled (in fear) Acts 9: 6.

And like God, Jesus was faithful (Heb.2: 17), and without sin (Heb.4: 15). Let us worship God in truth, and worship His Son the Lord Jesus Christ as God. Amen!