

VISION & VALUES

Part 1: Worship

1. Worship Is NOT A Genre Of Music...

2. Worship is NOT What Only Christians Do:

- Exodus 20:1-6- *"And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third & the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me & keep my commandments.'"*

3. Why Christians Worship Jesus:

- Isaiah 6:1-4- *"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high & lifted up; & the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: w/ two he covered his face, & w/ two he covered his feet, & w/ two he flew. And one called to another & said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, & the house was filled w/ smoke."*
- John 12:41- *"Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory & spoke of him."*
- **Sitting On A Throne:**
- Daniel 3:12b-18- *"These men...they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up...fall down & worship the image that I have made, well & good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"...we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, & he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*
- **High & Lifted Up:**
- Psalms 113:4- *"The Lord is high above all nations, & his glory above the heavens!"*
- Isaiah 55:8-9- *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways & my thoughts than your thoughts."*
- Philippians 2:7-11- *"but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him & bestowed on him the name*

that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven & on earth & under the earth, & every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- **Train Of His Robe Fills The Temple:**

- *Colossians 1:15-18- "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven & on earth, visible & invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him & for him. And he is before all things, & in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."*

- *VS. 3b- "the whole earth is full of his glory"*

3. How We Worship Jesus:

1. Personally:

- *Revelation 4:8- "And the four living creatures, each of them w/ six wings, are full of eyes all around & w/in, & day & night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was & is and is to come!"*

2. Corporately:

3. We Should Do This All The Time:

- *Romans 12:1-2- "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy & acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (How?) 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 & acceptable & perfect."*
- *Ephesians 5:15-16- "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."*
- *Psalms 90:12- "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."*

- **We Worship Jesus W/ Our Treasures:**

- *Matthew 6:21- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

- **We Worship Jesus W/ Our Talents:**

- *Exodus 35:31-33- "he has filled him w/ the Spirit of God, w/ skill, w/ intelligence, w/ knowledge, & w/ all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold & silver & bronze, in cutting stones for setting, & in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft."*

4. Worship Is What We Will Do Forever: