

The _____ and _____ of God’s Kingdom power is directly related to the _____ of God’s praise and worship.

Matthew 6:9-10 (NLT) - “Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Five things to _____ (to put into practice) about worship:

1. **Worship is . . . an** _____.

Psalms 51:16-17 (NLT) - You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

2. **Worship is . . . a** _____.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NLT) - After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!” ²²At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.

3. **Worship is . . . a** _____.

Malachi 4:2 (NLT) - “But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.”

4. **Worship is . . .** _____.

Acts 16:25-26 (NLT) - Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

5. **Worship is . . . a** _____ with God.

John 4:23-24 (NLT) - “But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Study Guide

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word ‘worship’?
2. If someone was to ask you to explain the word, how would you respond? Does the definition we looked at on Sunday help clarify things? (worship = worth-ship; the things we give ‘worth’ to)
3. Look up the following scriptures and allow God’s word to further develop your understanding of worship. (All passages from Sunday’s message.)
 - John 4:23-24
 - Psalm 51:16-17
 - Acts 16:25-26
4. Let’s conclude with 2 practical, simple questions:
 - What do your current practices or expressions of worship look like?
 - What could you do to enhance or strengthen your understanding and practice of worship?