

WORSHIP: INTIMACY WITH GOD

Kim Kirkland

Bridge Bible Fellowship

August 19, 20018

The word “**worship**” comes from an Old English word meaning “**worth-ship**” or the word “**worth-shape**”.

Tim Keller -- Worship: 2 parts - **Seeing what God is worth** and **giving Him what He’s worth**.

John Piper -- Worship: Ascribing an ultimate value in an object and engaging your mind, heart and will [the whole being] as you do it.

Isaiah 6 Isaiah saw and understood God’s true worth and gave Him ultimate value and worth-ship.

Acts 6-7 Stephen put absolute worth in God who conquered death so he didn’t fear death. Stephen had the right sense of proportion and worth-shipped unto death.

How does your worth-ship of God affect your daily decision making?
How does it affect you when you start to worry or are discouraged?

John 4:23-24 The Father seeks people who worship Him in spirit and truth.
People who are biblically informed by truth and it guides their whole being.

Phil. 1:21 Have you established your “worth-ship” so to live is Christ and to die is gain?

2 Cor. 5:21 Are you biblically informed with Cross centered worth-ship?

Rom. 12:1-2 How does your worth-ship of Christ affect how you carry out being a living sacrifice?
God’s holiness scare us, but His grace and mercy draw us close to sing praises to Him.

Exod. 14-15 Seeing God’s powerful victory should naturally move us to sing praises to Him.
The Lord **IS** my strength and song.

Ps. 95:1-2 God listens to our heart attitudes with a **stethoscope**.

Singing biblically informed songs has redemptive power to transform us.
2 Cor. 15:33 Bad [singing] company corrupts good morals.

Ps. 147:1 What does your soul “praise and boast” in? What makes you acceptable?

Application: How Deep the Father’s Love for Us -- Biblically informed Christ-centeredness.
He Will Hold Me Fast -- Biblically informed to carry us through discouragement.

I pray you will evaluate your “worth-ship” and be excited about singing praises to our God!