

“Worshiping the Christ”
Matthew 2:1-12

Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, You are letting Your bond-servant
depart in peace,
According to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
Which You have prepared in the presence of all
the peoples:
A light for revelation for the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.”

I. Our Response to the Revelation of Christ

A. What it is: Worship

B. What it involves:

1. Acknowledging Worth

Psalm 2:11,12

Serve the Lord with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, that He not be angry and you perish
on the way,

For His wrath may be kindled quickly.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

“To worship God is to recognize his worth or worthiness; to look God-ward, and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see. The Bible calls this activity "glorifying God" or "giving glory to God," and views it as the ultimate end, and from one point of view, the whole duty of man.”

-J.I. Packer

Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

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*“Worship is pulling our affections off our idols
and putting them on God.”*

- Tim Keller

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“The magi brought gold, as to a king; myrrh, as to one who was mortal, and incense, as to God.”

- Origen

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (NIV)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small.

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose -- and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

- William Temple

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2 Corinthians 4:6

“God has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ,”

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O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.