

Hindrances to Worship

- I. What Is Worship
 - A. “The Greek word denotes an act of reverence whether paid to a creature or to the Creator” (Margin of the ASV at Matthew 2:8)
 - B. The Greek word proekuneo means “... (to kiss, like a dog licking his master’s hand); to fawn or crouch, to i.e., (lit. or fig.) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):--worship” (Strom, p.61).

- II. Why Should We Worship God?
 - A. He DESERVES our worship?
 - B. He DEMANDS our worship.
 - C. He DISIRES our worship.
 - D. He DESIGNATES how we are to worship.

- III. There are four different kinds of worship mentioned in the New Testament.
 - A. First, ignorant worship is not accepted, Acts 17:23.
 - B. Second, vain worship is unacceptable, Matthew 15:9.
 - C. Third, will worship is not accepted, Colossians 2:20-23.
 - D. Fourth, worship in spirit and in truth, John 4:23-24.

- IV. Hindrances to Worship
 - A. Our worship can be hindered by a lack of heart-felt participation or mere formalism.
 - B. Our worship can be hindered by a wrong attitude.
 - C. Lack of preparation for worship.
 - 1. There may be a lack of mental preparation.
 - 2. There may be a lack of preparation by not starting on time.
 - 3. There may be a lack of preparation as far as externals are concerned.
 - D. Inattention can hinder worship.
 - E. An unforgiving spirit hinders worship.
 - F. Becoming custom bound hinders worship
 - G. Worship is hindered when a congregation becomes preacher-bound.

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