

# Phone A Friend

## What Is The Correct Way To Worship?

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(Romans 1:21-23) Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

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### Why Worship?

✓ Because God is worthy.

(Psalm 145:3) Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

✓ For what God has done.

(Luke 19:37-40 MSG) The whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed... Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your disciples under control!" But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

✓ Because praise is my purpose.

(1 Peter 2:9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

✓ Because God asked for it.

(Psalm 150:1-6) Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him

with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

✓ Because worship is powerful.

(Psalm 18:3 NLT) I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.

(Ezekiel 46:9 NLT) But when the people come in through the north gateway to worship the LORD during the religious festivals, they must leave by the south gateway. And those who entered through the south gateway must leave by the north gateway. They must never leave by the same gateway they came in, but must always use the opposite gateway.

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(John 4:23 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."

1. Worship by choice not by feeling.

(Habakkuk 3:17-18) Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

2. Worship with everything I have.

(2 Samuel 24:24) "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

(Mark 12:30) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

3. Worship expecting God to respond.

(James 4:8 NLT) Come close to God and God will come close to you.

(Jeremiah 29:13 MSG) "When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed."