

We all worship something.

Worship is our response to what we value most.

You were created to worship.

(Romans 1:21-23) For although they **knew God**, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

✓ Our stuff.

(Deuteronomy 6:14-15) Do not follow other gods, the gods of the people around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a **jealous** God.

✓ Our image. (Pride)

(John 12:42-43) Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved **praise from men** more than **praise from God**.

✓ Our feelings.

(Hebrews 13:15) Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a **sacrifice of praise**—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

✓ Our past experience.

(Matthew 15:3-9) Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your **tradition**...? Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: “‘These people honor me with their **lips**, but their **hearts** are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’”

(Psalm 50:8-15 NLT) I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer. I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it. Do I eat the meat of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats?

Make **thankfulness** your sacrifice to God, and **keep the vows you made** to the Most High. Then **call on me** when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.

1. Thank Him with sincere affection.

(Psalm 28:7) The Lord is my strength and shield.

I trust him with all my heart.

He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.

I burst out in **songs of thanksgiving**.

2. Give Him control of my life.

(Romans 12:1) 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**.

3. Include Him in my (everyday) life.

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What God really wants is a relationship with me.