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Text - Acts 17:16-34

What is worship –reverence, awe, adoration, adulation, glorification unto an entity, namely God

-Remember Cain and Abel

Genesis 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Who is to be worshipped –the true and living God - Who is the true God?

Jeremiah 10:10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Atheism –no God –Psalm 14:1-7

Pantheism –God is everywhere in everything

Idolatry – small gods based on myths or nature –Rm 1:18-25

Acts 14:15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Ancestral or king worship –King Darius, The beasts of Rev 13 (emperor and “Papal/G.O” worship)

Christ is the only king to be worshiped –Mt 2:2-8, Heb 1:6

We should worship God out of fear and love (2 Cor 5:11-15), not for show-off as King Saul (1 Sam 15) nor the Pharisees (Mt 6) nor the 7 sons of Sceva (Acts 19). Some worship the devil for money and power but Jesus gave us an example (Mt 4:9-10). Christians are the one who truly worship today –Phil 3:3, 1 Cor 14:25. Recall Cornelius and Lydia.

Types: Vain worship (Mt 15:9), will worship (Col 2:23), ignorant worship (Acts 17:23) and true worship (Jn 4:20-24)

Acts of worship NOT really items of worship –Acts 2:42

Day of worship no longer the Sabbath but the first day of the week –Acts 2:4; 20:7, 1 Cor 11:18-20 & 16:1-2

Place of worship is no longer restricted to temples or specific a city (Jerusalem) but our gathering.

Conclusion –God is worthy of worship and it should be on his terms, not ours. **Revelation 14:7** “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”