

Studies in Christianity Private Worship #7

S#1.

Worshipping the Man Who Is God?

S#2.

Text : Phil. 2: 5-11 ; Heb. 1: 1-6 ; John 1: 1-5, 14

A. It has been a while since we studied together.

1. The overall theme of our most recent lessons has been the need for daily worship.
2. We worship daily because our God is worthy of daily praise.
3. We worship daily in order to build our relationship with God closer and closer.

B. We have not been following a ridged set of guidelines.

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1. People have worshipped daily for thousands of years, but there is no ridged format.
2. We first looked at the need and then some obvious elements.
3. We are now looking at some possible themes for our daily worship.
 - a. Comprehensive structure is not required, **but** some planning prevents repetition.
 - b. Our daily worship should never become an afterthought or repetitive habit.

C. Our last lesson centered around meditating around the reality of God.

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1. Reasons some don't believe
2. Different views of God
3. Reasons to believe in God
4. What the bible says about God

S#5.

D. This lessons will be centered around some biblical proofs that Jesus is God.

1. Deity was attributed to and claimed by Jesus.
2. Jesus possessed the attributes of deity and manifested them.
3. The works of deity were performed by Jesus.
4. The worship of deity was both offered and accepted by Jesus.

Note : *From the beginning, the doctrine of the trinity has been a source of attacks.*

- a. Eastern religions accuse us of polytheism. (*Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism*)
- b. Muslims accuse Christians of polytheism and the Koran condemns us for it.
- c. Strife over this doctrine motivated to Counsel of Nicaea (325a.d.) "Nicene Creed"
- d. Jehovah's witnesses still deny it as do some Pentecostals.

I. Deity was attributed to Jesus and claimed by Him.**S#6.****A. Jesus never actually said the words, “*I am God.*”**

1. Critics use this as an accusation against us, “He never even claimed to be God.”
2. If Jesus had come claiming to be God, He would have been crucified prematurely.

B. Jesus inferred that He was God.

1. While wording His “pastoral prayer” :
John 17: 5 – Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, **S#7.**
with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
2. He referred to His deity while teaching about the end time judgment / resurrection.
John 5: 27 – For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to **S#8.**
the Son also to have life in Himself; **27** and He gave Him authority to
execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel
at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will
hear His voice, **29** and will come forth;

C. When asked directly, Jesus did not deny His deity.

1. **Mark 14: 61** – Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to **S#9.**
Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" **62** And
Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at
the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
2. Jesus understood it was time for Him to be condemned and die.

II. The attributes of deity are possessed by Jesus and manifested by Him.**S#10.****A. Jesus knew what was happening in far places.**

1. He knew when Lazarus died back in Bethany.
a. **John 11: 3** – So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, **S#11.**
"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."
b. **John 11: 11** – This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend
Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken
him out of sleep." (Vs.–**14** .. plainly, "Lazarus is dead.")
2. Jesus saw Nathanael from afar.
John 1: 47 – Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, **S#12.**
"Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael
said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him,
"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."
49 Nathanael answered Him, " Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are
the King of Israel."

B. Jesus knew the thoughts and motives of man.

1. **Matt. 9: 4** – And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, S#13.
"Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"
2. **Matt. 12: 25** – And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them,
"Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand."

III. The works of deity were performed by Jesus.S#14.**A. Jesus healed the sick.**

- Matt. 14: 14** – When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. S#15.

B. Jesus fed 5000 people with only five loaves and two fishes.

- Matt. 14: 19** – Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the S#16.
five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, **20** and they all ate and were satisfied.

C. Jesus walked on the water and stilled the storm.

1. **Matt. 14: 25** – And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, S#17.
walking on the sea.
2. **Matt. 8: 23** – When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. **24** And S#18.
behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. **25** And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" **26** He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. **27** The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

D. He was able to restore life to the dead.

1. Jesus raised the widow's son.
Luke 7: 12 – (Nain) Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was S#19.
being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. **13** When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." **14** And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" **15** The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.
2. Jesus raised His friend, Lazarus, from the dead.
John 11: 43 – He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." S#20.
44 The man who had died came forth,

IV. The worship of deity was both offered and accepted by Jesus.**S#21.****A. Jesus made it clear that ONLY God can be worshipped.**

1. Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him.

Luke 4: 7 – "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."
8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

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2. Jesus was quoting ... **Deut. 6: 13**

B. Angels refused to be worshipped by men.

Rev. 22:8 – I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. **9** But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

S#23.**C. The Apostles refused to be worshipped.**

Acts 10: 25 – When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped him. **26** But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up: I too am just a man."

S#24.**D. Jesus was worshipped by the magi while He was still an infant.**

Matt. 2: 11 – After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

S#25.**E. Jesus accepted worship when He did things only God can do.**

1. When he cleansed the leprous man.

Matt. 8: 2 – And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

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2. When He walked on the sea and stilled the storm.

Matt. 14: 32 – When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. **33** And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

F. Jesus was worshipped during His final entry into the city.

1. **John 12: 12** – ... the large crowd who ..., when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, **13** took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

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2. This is now called "*Palm Sunday*."

G. Jesus was worshipped after His resurrection, but before His ascension.

1. **Matt. 28: 8** – And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran **S#28.**
to report it to His disciples. **9** And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.
10 Then Jesus said to them, " Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."
2. When the Apostle Thomas saw the resurrected Jesus, he expressed adoration.
John 20: 27 – Then He said to Thomas, " Reach here with your finger, **S#29.**
and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side;
and do not be unbelieving, but believing." **28** Thomas answered and
said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Because
you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not
see, and yet believed."

CONCLUSION :**A. Our objective was to prime our hearts for worship centered around Jesus.**

1. In order to establish this, we must establish that Jesus is worthy of worship.
2. Jesus is only worthy of worship **IF** He is God.

S#30.**B. There are many ways to establish the deity of Jesus. We have looked at four.**

1. Deity was attributed to and claimed by Jesus.
2. The attributes of deity are possessed by Jesus and manifested by Him.
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C. The objective is to provide ideas for time of personal worship.**INVITATION :**

Lesson Text :**Philippians 2: 5-11**

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus "every knee will bow," of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1: 1-5

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

John 1: 1-5, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.