

## Honoring Jehovah in Worship

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name” (Psalm 29:2)*

### WE CAN'T WORSHIP JEHOVAH UNLESS WE KNOW HIM.

In order to truly honor God with our worship, we must be able to put a “face with a name” and realize His:

- Power
- Wisdom
- Love
- Mercy
- Holiness

We have the distinct honor and privilege to worship our Creator. What's more amazing is that our Creator desires our worship!

Consider the significance of meeting the President of the United States, Coach Saban/Cam Newton, or some other iconic figure in our society. We would revel at the thought of meeting these people for a few precious minutes. Yet they most likely will forget our names as soon as we leave. We don't appreciate the opportunity we have to worship our God, who knows the very hairs of our head (Luke 12:7) and loves us so much that He sent His son to die for us on the cross (John 3:16).

God has given us the Gospel so that we may know Him. He has revealed Himself to us and what He wants of us. It is evident in the scriptures that Jehovah craves our worship and wants us to spend eternity with Him, where we will worship Him in His kingdom forever and ever.

### WHAT IS WORSHIP?

#### Definition:

1. The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity. (noun)
2. To show reverence and adoration for a deity; honor with religious rites. (verb)

Knowing who God is, what He has done for us, and what He wants from us should motivate us to worship Him. True worship should be an expression of someone whose entire life is devoted to showing adoration for God by being holy and obedient. Sincere worship should be a manifestation of the change in our lives to be God's **holy** people. So in order for our worship to honor Jehovah, we must be holy and obedient or else our worship will not honor Him. In fact our worship would be an abomination to Him if we are not obedient and holy.

Let's look at some examples:

- Israel was called to be holy as God was holy and they were His chosen people. We have many examples where they were not obedient and holy and their worship was hollow and vain.
  - Isaiah 1:12-16

- Proverbs 15:8, 28:9
- Psalms 66:18 (prayers could be hindered)

Holiness is not a mask/garment that can be put on and taken off. Holiness is an attitude, a disposition, and a way of being that is fully devoted to honoring God (specifically in worship). There's an inward/outward change that must take place so that we will want to be holy and different from the world.

#### JEHOVAH DESERVES TO BE WORSHIPPED IN HOLINESS.

This kind of worship is what God wants, and He views holiness and obedience as “beautiful.”

- 1 Peter 2:9, Psalms 29:2, Psalms 96:6-10, “Beautiful in His Holy Sight” lyrics

#### CONCLUSION

If we know Jehovah (per David Watson's lesson) and we understand His desire to be worshipped by a holy and obedient people, this knowledge should bring about a change in our worship. We should consider the gravity and importance of worship as it relates to our relationship with God. It should change us forever in some of the following ways:

- Our attitude and effort towards worship
- Our effort to be obedient and holy throughout our everyday lives
- Our preparation to worship
- Our punctuality to worship
- Our appearance, respect, and emotions towards worship

By making these changes and by God's mercy, we can be better equipped to honor Jehovah in our lives and to ultimately spend eternity honoring Him as described in Revelation 7:14-15, 5:13, 15:3-4.