

VAIN WORSHIP

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- **INNER ESSENCE OF WORSHIP**
- **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP**

“TRUE WORSHIP IS A VALUING OR A TREASURING OF GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.”

MATTHEW 15: 8 - 9 “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship Me.”

ALL TRUE WORSHIP IS IN ESSENCE A MATTER OF THE HEART.

THINKING RIGHTLY

The question becomes: “What is this inner, authentic, Godward experience of the heart that we call the essence of worship?”

JOHN 4: 23 - 24 “The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

TRUE WORSHIP DEPENDS ON A RIGHT MENTAL GRASP OF THE WAY GOD REALLY IS, TRUTH.

INFINITE WORTH

Secondly, worship depends on a right spiritual or emotional or affectional heart-grasp of God’s supreme value.

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THE MIND IS RIGHTLY UNDERSTANDING GOD

THE HEART IS RIGHTLY VALUING GOD.

WORSHIP WAS DESIGNED TO PUT THE SUPREME WORTH OF GOD ON DISPLAY.

TWO ACTS OF WORSHIP

We worship God authentically when we know Him truly and treasure Him duly.

*Then the word **“WORSHIP”** refers to that valuing, that inner valuing, becoming visible in the world in two basic ways in the New Testament.*

- ***ACTS OF THE MOUTH:***
- ***ACTS OF LOVE WITH THE BODY AND THE HANDS AND THE FEET***

“True worship is based on a right understanding of God’s nature, and it is a right valuing of God’s worth.”

HEBREWS 13: 15 - 16

“Through Him, then,” — through Christ — “let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name.”

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Those two verses begin and end with the term **“SACRIFICE.”**

Through Christ two things become worshipful sacrifices in our life:

- ***THE FRUIT OF LIPS THAT ACKNOWLEDGE HIS NAME***
- ***THE FRUIT OF DEEDS***

Both of those are acts of worship.

HEART OF WORSHIP

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So all of our bodily life done in love for other and in reliance upon God display the worth of God above all things and make us worshipers in our daily life.