

2. **The hands** _____ *Ps 63:4;119:48;141:2*
 _____ *2K 11:12;Ps47:1;Is 55:12*
 _____ *Ps 33:2,3;68:24,25;1Chr 16:42*
3. **The body** _____ *Ps 122:2;134:1;135:2*
 _____ *Gen 18:1,2;Ex 4:31;12:27*
 _____ *Ps 95:6;2Chr 6:13*
 _____ *2Chr 5:13,14;Dan 10:9*
 _____ *Judg 5:4;Josh 6:2-5*
 _____ *Ps 150:4;149:3*

USE OF OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES JUSTIFIED

Some say that because these expressions of worship are revealed in the Old Testament they do not apply in the New Testament

Church Age. Note however:

1. God is restoring the tabernacle of David in the Church Age, *Ac 15:16,17*. The primary function of David's Tabernacle was worship in terms outlined above, *1Chr 15:1,16; 1Chr 16:1,37*.
2. We have (already) come to Mt Zion, spiritually speaking - the place of God's habitation and exuberant worship in the Spirit, *Heb 12:22-24; 1Pet 2:5,9; Rev 4:8-11*
3. Write out what Paul said to Felix in *Ac 24:14* _____

4. God's revelations to, and dealings with Israel, are "patterns" for the Church Age, *1Cor 10:11*.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF PRAISE TO WORSHIP

As we have seen, to praise the Lord means "to bless, to glorify, etc". As we extol Him for His greatness we are motivated to bow the knee to Him, paying homage, and worshipping Him with our total being.

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Study Nine: Praise and Worship

One of the vital truths God has restored to His Church today is that of praise and worship.

BASIC DEFINITIONS

1. **Praise** *Ps 34:1-3*
 "To bless", "to glorify", "to speak well of", "to boast". To praise the Lord is to bless and thank Him for Who He is and for what He has done. Praise springs from hearts that are grateful for their relationship with Him.
2. **SACRIFICE OF PRAISE** *Heb 13:15, Ps 107:22*.
 This is praise offered to the Lord with our whole heart and being, no matter what circumstances we are in. *Hab 3:17* describes a trying situation. Praise at such times **costs** something and therefore is known as a "sacrifice of praise". *2Sam 24:24*.
3. **WORSHIP** *Ps 95:6*
 "To honour, reverence, pay homage, and bow the knee to a superior". Worship is not just singing slow, majestic songs in the meeting; it is the extension of praise to the point where the total man is bowing in reverence and awe before the presence of the Lord.

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Write out *Ps 22:3* _____

1. What happened when Paul and Silas offered a “sacrifice of praise”? *Ac 16:25,26* _____

2. Jonah offered a “sacrifice of praise” from the belly of the fish and was restored to God’s will for His life and ministry, *Jon 2:7-9*.
3. Habakkuk determined to rejoice in the Lord, when things looked bad. What are the results of such praise?
Hab 3:17-19 _____

4. What is part of our responsibility as New Testament priests?
1Pet 2:5 _____
5. A characteristic of the fully restored Church at this end of the age will be the “sacrifice of praise in the House of the Lord,”
Jer 33:11.

WHAT GOD IS SEEKING

Write out *Jn 4:23* _____

“in spirit” This worship has as its origin the Holy Spirit’s quickening of the human spirit. In other words, it is not just outward form; it is motivated from within, as a result of our love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

“in truth” This worship is expressed in the manner that God’s Word reveals is acceptable to Him. It also implies that true worship comes from an honest heart.

Write out *Ps 96:9* “ _____
_____ holiness.”

We see, then, that another essential dimension to worship is a day to day walk with the Lord that is characterized by holiness.
1Thes 4:3-7.

WHAT GOD DOES NOT WANT

God is supreme – therefore He has the right to say what kind of worship is acceptable to Him... and what is not! Note the imperative in *Jn 4:24*: “they that worship Him **must** ...in spirit and in truth.” What does Jesus say concerning worship, in *Mat 15:9* _____

“Vain repetitions” will **not** be heard by the Lord. *Mat 6:5-8*. (Not **all** repetition is “vain”. See *Mat 26:44*.) This can apply to Pentecostals, with oft repeated prayer meeting jargon, as it can to our more liturgical brethren. Let us make sure that the words we use in praise and worship have real significance and meaning!

THE PATTERN OF WORSHIP

“Worship in spirit and truth” is being restored to the Church in this present move of God. To many people it may seem strange but it is not strange to God. It is according to the pattern given in His Word. We see in the following outline that God desires **both variety and the involvement of the total man – spirit, soul and body**.

Read the following groups of Scriptures and place each of these expressions of worship against the appropriate group: kneeling/ dancing/saying His praise/playing musical instruments/bowing/ singing and prophetic music/ clapping hands/prostrating/shouting/ standing/marching/lifting hands.

1. **The mouth** _____ *Ps 34:1; 66:8*
_____ *Ps 47:6; Eph 5:18,19*
_____ *Zeph 3:14; Zech 9:9; Ps 5:11*