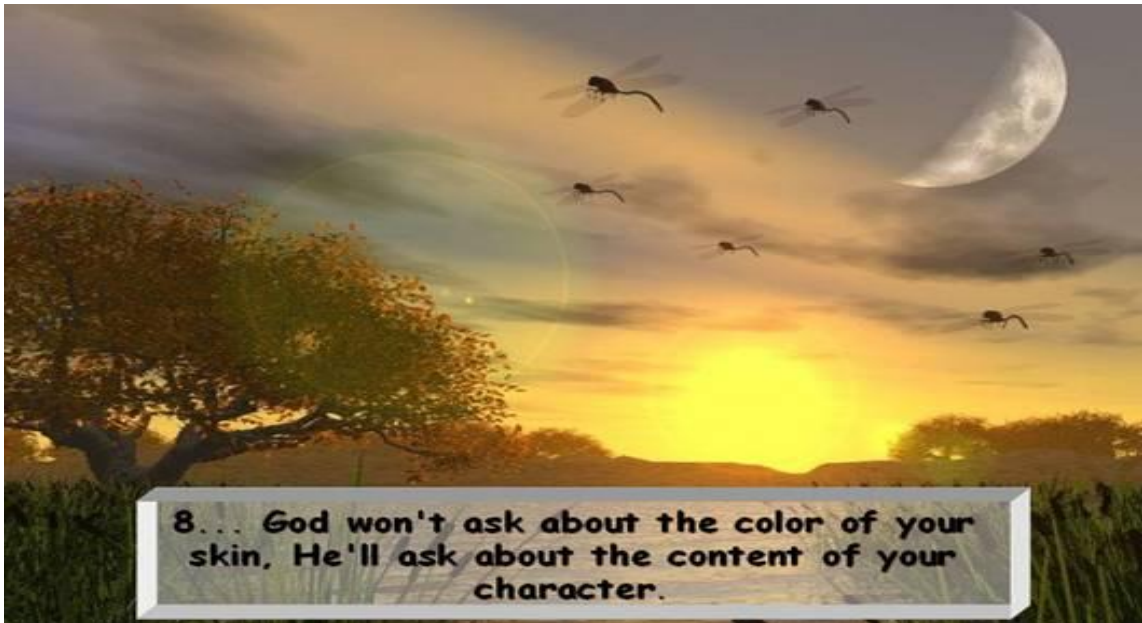


Worship of Jehovah God

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6 **VISION:** To hear the midnight cry, "The bridegroom comes, go out to meet
7 Him" (Matthew 25:6) and become like Him when I see Him as He is (1
8 John 3:2).

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10 **MISSION:** Purify myself even as Christ is pure (1 John 3:3) to be glad,
11 to rejoice, give honor to Christ and be ready for the marriage of the
12 Lamb (Revelation 19:7).

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14 **VALUES:** Follow the Lamb wherever He goes (Revelation 14:4), be without
15 fault before God (Revelation 14:5), be perfect even as my Father in
16 heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48), wear the Lamb's fine, clean and
17 white linen (Revelation 19:8) do righteously (1 John 3:10) and walk
18 humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

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20 **OVERALL AIM:** Studies presented here unveil Bible knowledge to
21 inquiring minds to prompt the following inquiries: "Are our feet on
22 the rock of ages? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the
23 Father" (John 10:30 in Evangelism, {Ev} 199.1)? Am I crucified with
24 Christ (Galatians 2:20)? Am I kept in the love of God (Jude 1:21)?

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27 **PURPOSE/REASON FOR/WHY**

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29 This study examines worship of Jehovah, God.

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32 **OBJECTIVES/WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH/THESIS**

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34 At the end of this study, readers can determine whether they worship

35 Jehovah in Spirit and in truth or just have a form of godliness.

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38 **SIGNIFICANCE: SO WHAT**

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40 Worship is important! We either "...worship... [God, who] made
41 heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of waters" (Revelation
42 14:7) or the "...beast [that rose] out of the sea... [with] seven
43 heads, ...10 horns, [with crowns]; and upon his heads the name:
44 blasphemy" (Revelation 13:1); which in Jewish thought, meant: a human
45 postures as God (John 10:33). This beast that receives worship has
46 "...power, ...[a] seat and great authority" (Revelation 13:2). It
47 once sustained a mortal wound to the head, but the wound healed and
48 all the world now wonders after it (Revelation 13:3), giving worship
49 to the [beast and the] dragon, which gave power to the [it]..."
50 (Revelation 13:4). The beast spoke blasphemies, reigned... 42
51 months (Revelation 13:5-6); made "...war with the saints... and
52 [exercised] power... over all kindreds, tongues and nations; [to the
53 extent that]... ALL who dwell upon the earth shall worship [the beast
54 from the sea], [if their] names are not written in the book of life
55 of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:7-
56 8). Not surprisingly, "...the third angel..., [sent to warn the
57 inhabitants of earth about Exodus 34:14 & Psalm 81:9 proclaims], with
58 a loud voice: 'If any [person] worships the beast and his image, and
59 receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink
60 of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture
61 into the cup of his indignation...'" (Revelation 14:9-10).

62 **BACKGROUND CONTEXT**

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64 "The worshippers of God [are] distinguished by their regard for the
65 fourth commandment. [It]... is the sign of God's creative power, and
66 the witness to His claim upon man's reverence and homage" (Revelation
67 14:7 & Isaiah 43:1 in Counsels for the Church, {CCh}, p. 39.6).

68 "[All] who accepts the sign of God's government places [themselves]
69 under the divine... covenant" (CCh, 262.1). "...God created... heaven
70 and... earth" (Genesis 1:1) and "...man upon the earth..."
71 (Deuteronomy 4:32). He gave sabbaths, including the Seventh-Day
72 Sabbath (Exodus 16:22-26; 31:14-15; Nehemiah 13:16-18; Luke 6:5 &
73 Mark 2:27), and asked His people to keep them, which are a "...sign
74 between [God] and... [His children] that [they] may know that [it is
75 He who sanctifies them]" (Exodus 31:13 & Ezekiel 20:12). Not only is
76 the Sabbath a sign of sanctification, but also "...a... [reminder
77 that God is Lord] (Ezekiel 20:20, NLT) and the method by which He
78 reveals His holiness to the nations that will know that He is Lord
79 (Ezekiel 36:23). Therefore, in the matter of worship, "...all
80 Christendom will be divided into two great classes: those who keep
81 the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship
82 the beast and His image and receive his mark. [And] although church
83 and state will unite their power to compel '...all, both small and
84 great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right
85 hand or in their foreheads' (Revelation 13:16); those whose names are
86 written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of
87 the world" (Revelation 13:8)], "...had... the victory over the beast,
88 and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his
89 name; [and will] stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God,
90 and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb" (Revelation 15:2-3 in CCh
91 39.6). True worshippers "...[stood] unmoved; Satan and his host...
92 [were powerless to] destroy them, for angels that excel in
93 strength... protected them" (Malachi 3:17 in CCh 40.1). This
94 background provided the impetus for the study question that follows.

95 **STUDY QUESTION**

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97 What does it mean to worship God (Revelation 19:10)?

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99 **ANSWER SOURCES**

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101 **1. Worship is responsiveness to awareness of God's presence in the**
102 **environment.** Enroute to Padanaram (Genesis 28:1-2), "...Jacob went
103 out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain
104 place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he
105 took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he
106 lay down in the place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a
107 ladder was set up on earth, and its top reached to heaven; and
108 there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And
109 behold, the Lord stood above it and said, 'I am the Lord God of
110 Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie
111 I will give to you and your descendants. Also, your descendants
112 shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the
113 west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in
114 your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold,
115 I am with you and will keep you where ever you go, and will bring
116 you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done
117 what I have spoken to you.' Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and
118 said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.'
119 And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is
120 none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'
121 ...And he called the name of that place Bethel... (Genesis 28:10-
122 18, NKJV). Like Jacob, Moses also found himself in the presence of
123 God and was unaware and unresponsive to divinity; thus, God spoke
124 saying: "...Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off
125 your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Exodus
126 3:5, NKJV). "True reverence for God is inspired by a sense of His

127 infinite greatness and a realization of His presence. [An example
128 follows]. ...When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord
129 appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am God Almighty. Walk before
130 Me and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and
131 you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.' Abram fell on his face,
132 and God talked with him..." (Genesis 17:1-3, NASB). Every heart
133 should be deeply impressed with a sense of the Unseen. The hour
134 and place of prayer are sacred, because God is there; and as
135 reverence is manifested in attitude and demeanor, the feeling that
136 inspires it will be deepened. '...Holy and reverend is His name'"
137 (Counsels for the Church, {CCh}, 250.3). From the examples we have
138 examined, two of the three characters were initially unaware of
139 God's presence until He made himself known; therefore, don't be
140 surprised if your experience mirrors historical examples. But as
141 long as you are not "...teaching for doctrines the commandments of
142 men" and worshipping God in vain (Matthew 15:9), if ever you don't
143 sense God's presence as did Jacob and Moses, remember that you are
144 not forsaken (Isaiah 49:16 & Hebrews 13:5) and "...commune with
145 your own heart..." (Psalm 4:4); let your "...spirit [make] diligent
146 search" (Psalm 77:6) because "The lifeless attitude of the
147 worshippers in the house of God is one reason why the ministry is
148 not more productive of good" (CCh, 250.4).

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151 **2. Worship is being attentive to God's messages.** "All that... [we]
152 can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His
153 Son" (John 17:4; 4:34; 9:4 & 1:18 in Testimonies for the Church,
154 Vol. 8, {8T}, p. 286). The same character traits revealed to Moses
155 in Exodus 34:6-7 were demonstrated in the earthly life of Christ
156 when "...[He] became flesh and [walked] among [the living]..."
157 (John 1:14). He was "Tender, compassionate, sympathetic and ever
158 considerate of others; He represented the character of God, and was
159 constantly engaged in service for God and man" (8T, 268). Today,

160 we behold Him through revelation of the word of God (Deuteronomy
161 29:29) by the same Holy Spirit that inspired the written word (2
162 Timothy 3:16 & 2 Peter 1:21). Therefore, the sacred setting should
163 bring us "...into the audience chamber of the Most High [and
164 provide an opportunity that] we may seek counsel of One who is
165 infinite in wisdom" (Christ's Object Lessons, {COL}, 172.1). The
166 heavenly storehouse abounds in treasures for all who become
167 students of Christ, whose souls can wait in silence and reverence
168 before Him. The ancient promise still holds: "...They that wait
169 upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with
170 wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall
171 walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). "If we study the word of God
172 with interest, and pray to understand it, new beauties will be seen
173 in every line. God will reveal precious truth so clearly that the
174 mind will derive sincere pleasure, and have a continual feast as
175 its comforting and sublime truths are unfolded" (Gospel Workers,
176 {GW92}, 122.1). Indeed, "...In [His] presence is fullness of joy;
177 at [His] right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm
178 16:11). True worshippers cannot leave the presence of God empty
179 because "The world needs today what it needed 1900 years ago--a
180 revelation of Christ" (Reflecting Christ, {RC}, 231.4). "[You] are
181 my witnesses, says the Lord..." (Isaiah 43:10). I have called you
182 out of darkness into my light that you can give evidence of Me (1
183 Peter 2:9). "A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful
184 argument that can be produced in favor of Christianity" (Gospel
185 Workers, {GW1915}, 122). Then let all who attend church work to
186 ensure that "...the service... [is] conducted with solemnity and
187 awe, [so that they can have an experience] as if in the visible
188 presence of the Master..." (CCh, 250.4) so that the same glow that
189 surrounded Moses after fellowship with God (Exodus 34:29 & 35) will
190 eclipse them when they leave the sacred service.
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192 3. **Worship is expression of the soul's delight in Jehovah's majesty,**
 193 **dominion and power.** Miriam revealed this expression after the Red
 194 Sea's crossing as she led the holy women in songs and dances of
 195 thanksgiving to God (Exodus 15:20-21). David also revealed this
 196 expression as the ark of God was being moved from the house of
 197 Obededom the Gittite to Judah (2 Samuel 6:11). And in jubilation,
 198 "...David danced before the Lord with all his might..." (2 Samuel
 199 6:14). Some cultures and ultra conservative Christians minimize
 200 Scriptures such as Psalm 149:3 & 150:4, and institutionalize a
 201 worship experience that resembles a concrete foundation after it
 202 has set; but the priests and Levities who witnessed completion of
 203 the foundation of the second temple gave praise and thanks with
 204 such joyful shouting and music that it was heard from a great
 205 distance (Ezra 3:10-13). Not surprisingly, the Psalmist tells us
 206 that we ought to "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name;
 207 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2 & 1
 208 Chronicles 16:29) for we were created to give glory to God (Isaiah
 209 43:7). "...Come before His presence with singing, ...enter into
 210 His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be
 211 thankful unto Him and bless His name" (Psalm 100:2 & 4).
 212 Expression of praise and thanks is but one means by which we
 213 "Exalt... the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool..." (Psalm
 214 99:5) and "...at His holy hill..." (Psalm 99:9 & 132:7). "[But]
 215 who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in
 216 His holy place? [Not everyone who shouts in the presence of God is
 217 heard! 'Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen
 218 to the music of your harps; instead, I want to see a mighty flood
 219 of justice, an endless river of righteous living' (Amos 5:23-24,
 220 NLT). Only the pure in heart shall see God (Matthew 5:8);
 221 therefore, brethren, [s/he] that has clean hands and a pure heart;
 222 who has not lifted up his [or her] soul unto vanity, nor sworn
 223 deceitfully... receives... blessing from the Lord and righteousness
 224 from the God of His [or her] salvation" (Psalm 24:3-5). "God is a

225 Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in
 226 truth" (John 4:24). "Not by seeking a holy mountain or a sacred
 227 temple are men brought into communion with heaven. [For where two
 228 or three are gathered together in [His] name, [He's] there in the
 229 midst of them" (Matthew 18:20, NKJV)]. Religion is NOT to be
 230 confined to external forms and ceremonies. ...In order to serve
 231 [God right], we MUST be born of the divine Spirit. This will
 232 purify the heart and renew the mind, giving us a new capacity for
 233 knowing and loving God. It will give us a willing obedience to ALL
 234 His requirements. This is true worship" (The Desire of Ages, {DA},
 235 p. 189). And where ever true worship ascends to God, He is not
 236 only loved "...with all [the] heart, ...soul and ...mind" (Matthew
 237 22:37); but the true worshippers leave the presence of God
 238 "...transformed by the renewing of [their] minds" (Romans 12:2).
 239 They came to God ready to give Him glory and honor (Revelation
 240 4:11) and to receive blessings and righteousness. "[And] He puts a
 241 new song in [their] mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will
 242 see and fear and will trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:3). "[And] the
 243 melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct
 244 utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving
 245 souls" (CCh, 250.4). Ponder the thought that God uses the melody
 246 of sacred songs as an instrument of redemption!

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249 **4. Worship is the experience of discovery and enlightenment from God.**

250 "The religion that comes from God is the only religion that will
 251 lead to God" (DA, p. 189). It cannot be choreographed, for it
 252 comes to the cerebral cortex of all who have unburdened (1 Peter
 253 5:7), who are unhurried (Psalm 27:14; 37:7 & 34 & 123:2), and who
 254 practice sustained self-abandonment (Luke 18:13-14). These souls,
 255 filled with the abiding presence of the Godhead (John 14:23 & 26)
 256 abound in peace (Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:27 & Psalm
 257 119:165). Peace of mind is a prerequisite for hearing God. "I was

258 in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice
259 as of a trumpet" (Revelation 1:10). When every competing voice is
260 hushed, when every earthly distraction becomes invisible and
261 nullified, and there is complete silence in the soul, your ears can
262 hear words from on high (Isaiah 30:21) as the empty, internal and
263 external demands on cognitive resources subside. There is much in
264 life to upset our personal, biopsychosocial equilibrium (balance).
265 All around us there are scenes that cause pain and distress. Amid
266 unparalleled advancements in science and technology, moral decay and
267 spiritual decline and death progresses rapidly. So it's not
268 uncommon for worshippers to come to the sacred setting with their
269 souls in distress. Even the Psalmist was familiar with this
270 experience (Psalm 73:2-16); until he "...went into the sanctuary...
271 [and gained an understanding of eternal realities]" (Psalm 73:17).
272 What did the Psalmist understand from his time in the sanctuary?
273 "Those who desert [God] will perish, for [He] destroys those who
274 abandon [Him] (Psalm 73:27, NLT). "The fear of the Lord is the
275 beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is
276 understanding" (Proverbs 9:10); therefore, "A [person] who leaves
277 the path of understanding ends up with those who are dead"
278 (Proverbs 21:16, New International Reader's Version). In contrast,
279 they that wait upon the Lord... renews their strength; they...
280 mount up with wings like eagles, they... run and [are] not weary,
281 they... walk and [faint not]" (Isaiah 40:31). Our problem is that
282 we "...let go of the arm of the Lord too soon" (Evangelism, {Ev},
283 60.2); therefore, we enter and leave His presence too quickly,
284 without being blessed, without being filled with His presence. Let
285 us learn to tarry in God's presence, because everything that comes
286 in contact with God, which God touches, breathes new life, abundant
287 life. Speaking of himself, Jesus said, "...I am come that they
288 might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John
289 10:10). Jesus "...gives life to the dead and calls into being that
290 which does not exist" (Romans 4:17, NASB); so if you meet the

291 conditions outlined in Psalm 27:4--"...Dwell in the house of the
 292 Lord..., behold the beauty of the Lord and... inquire in His
 293 temple;" then discovery and enlightenment will come to you from
 294 God; which will resurrect your spirit in righteousness (Isaiah
 295 45:13) for He has promised to do it by "...His own power" (1
 296 Corinthians 6:14).

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 299 **5. Worship is an experience that comes to the house of Israel when she**
 300 **keeps the way clear by purging abominations and corruptions in her**
 301 **midst.** One has only to read Ezekiel 8:3-18; John 2:13-16 & Matthew
 302 21:12 to observe presumption and greed masking themselves as
 303 worship. For example, during Passover, "...Many were unable to
 304 bring with them the sacrifices that were to be offered up as
 305 typifying the one great Sacrifice. For the convenience of these,
 306 animals were bought and sold in the outer court of the temple.
 307 [But] ...the money changing gave opportunity for fraud and
 308 extortion, and it had grown into a disgraceful traffic, which was a
 309 source of revenue for the priests. The dealers demanded exorbitant
 310 prices for the animals sold, and they shared their profits with the
 311 priests and rulers, who thus enriched themselves at the expense of
 312 the people" (DA, p.154-155). But God in His mercy wants to keep
 313 His glory in the inner court; He wants to dwell in the midst of His
 314 people; therefore, to worship effectively, the people of God shall
 315 be ashamed of their iniquities; they must put away their whoredom--
 316 going after strange gods (Jeremiah 2:13)--and not defile the house
 317 of God with their abominations and corruptions (Ezekiel 43:1-10).
 318 No amount of religious formalities can supplant God's interest in
 319 lives in which "...judgment runs down as waters and righteousness
 320 as a mighty stream" (Amos 5:20-24). "...If while we seek to be
 321 justified by Christ, we ourselves are found sinners, is therefore
 322 Christ the minister of sin? God forbid" (Galatians 2:17). Putting
 323 away sin is a prerequisite for worshipping Jehovah (Psalm 24:3-5).

324 Those in Zion, who comfort themselves with the thought that they
 325 are okay and in good standing with God (Revelation 3:15-17), are
 326 counseled "...to buy gold tried in the fire... and white
 327 raiment..., [i.e., Christ's righteousness, so] that the shame of
 328 [their] nakedness does not appear..." (Revelation 3:18). Indeed,
 329 God is not willing that any should perish (John 3:16). He derives
 330 "...no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked
 331 turn from his [or her] way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11 & 2 Chronicles
 332 7:14). Thus, He forewarns transgressors that their "...nakedness
 333 shall be uncovered; ...[their] shame shall be [publicly] seen..."
 334 (Isaiah 47:3 & Nahum 3:5). Therefore, there remains a work for
 335 each to do before any can worship God in spirit and in truth (John
 336 4:24). So "...awake you who sleep, arise from the dead and Christ
 337 will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14, NKJV), "...you [that] have a
 338 name that you are alive, but... are dead" (Revelation 3:1, NKJV).

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341 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS: This study examined worship of Jehovah God.
 342 The question that focused this study asked: What does it mean to
 343 worship God? In the discovery phase of the study, five points
 344 emerged: 1) Worship is responsiveness to awareness of God's presence
 345 in the environment. 2) Worship is being attentive to God's messages.
 346 3) Worship is expression of the soul's delight in Jehovah's majesty,
 347 dominion and power. 4) Worship is the experience of discovery and
 348 enlightenment from God. 5) And worship is an experience that comes
 349 to the house of Israel when she keeps the way clear by purging
 350 abominations and corruptions in her midst. Although we have only
 351 scratched the surface of the topic, given what we have discussed, a
 352 rhetorical question follows: Am I a true or a false worshipper of
 353 Jehovah? As you ponder and answer this question for yourself (Romans
 354 14:5); recognizing that it is of little redeeming value to engage in
 355 Bible study merely for information, subsequent paragraphs follow that
 356 make a practical application of the truths set forth here.

357 **DISCUSSION: WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN?**

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359 In ancient times, God said of His people: "Their land also is full of
 360 idols; they worship the work of their own hands ...which their own
 361 fingers have made" (Isaiah 2:8). Yet, He issued this command: "There
 362 shall no strange god be in thee; neither shall thou worship any
 363 strange god" (Psalm 81:9). We cannot continue to live so close to
 364 the low lands of earth and be consumed by this earthly life, with its
 365 opportunities and possibilities. For as it was in the days of old,
 366 God is displeased when we set aside His direct instructions and carry
 367 out our own ideas, like Saul did, but sought forgiveness of sin just
 368 prior to worship. If we emulate Saul's example, we will experience
 369 Saul's fate: rejection (1 Samuel 15:3, 7-26). "Thousands are making
 370 the same mistake as did the Pharisees..." (DA, p. 280), "...in
 371 vain... they worship [God]..." (Mark 7:7); their religion, round of
 372 ceremonies and sacrifices were all for nothing (Romans 9:30-32)!

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375 **CONCLUSIONS: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

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377 "With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on
 378 high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling
 379 calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten
 380 thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my
 381 rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has
 382 told you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of
 383 you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your
 384 God" (Micah 6:6-8). These Old Testament Scriptures should help us
 385 escape the pitfall of ritualized, scripted, emotive laden religious
 386 services, which are a poor substitute for the worship of Jehovah.
 387 The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth;

388 for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:23). If God is
 389 worshipped in the right way and in His Spirit, the Father "...will
 390 make them of the synagogue of Satan... come and worship before thy
 391 feet, ...[that they may] know that [God has] loved thee" (Revelation
 392 3:9). God requires reverence, worship, sacrifice (2 Kings 17:36 &
 393 Psalm 51:17); self-denial, cross-bearing and obedience (Matthew
 394 16:24). "Man must be emptied of self before he can be, in the
 395 fullest sense, a believer in Jesus" (DA, p. 280). We must "set [our]
 396 affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians
 397 3:2); and this habit must take us captive every day, not just during
 398 the sacred assembly. Then will our forms and expressions in worship-
 399 -that emanate from a life of Spirit led submission and obedience to
 400 God, and keen awareness of His abiding presence and faithfulness,
 401 which fails not, which is new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23)--
 402 will direct our thoughts, feelings and actions upward to God.

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404 **CALL TO ACTION: WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

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406 "...Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou
 407 serve" (Luke 4:8). Acknowledge your dependence upon God and express
 408 gratitude for all His favors (Counsels for the Church, p. 293). "I
 409 will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your
 410 loving kindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word
 411 above all Your name" (Psalm 138:2, NKJV). "...I will come into Your
 412 house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear, [i.e., reverence] of
 413 You; I will worship toward Your holy temple" (Psalm 5:7, NKJV). "O
 414 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the
 415 earth" (Psalm 96:9). "Exalt... the Lord our God and worship at His
 416 footstool; for He is holy" (Psalm 99:5 & 9) "...for in mount Zion and
 417 in Jerusalem shall be deliverance..." (Joel 2:32). Even when God
 418 calls upon you to sacrifice whatever you love, true worshippers are
 419 joyfully and faithfully obedient; and receive deliverance and
 420 blessings (Genesis 22:5; 23:1-2, 19; 24:1 & 25:1-2).