

Saint Mary's Newsletter: Aug 2021

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10am SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday 1st: Holy Communion

Refreshments: Adrienne Calderwood

Readings: Adrienne Calderwood

Intercessions: Adrienne Calderwood

Sunday 8th: Holy Communion

Refreshments: Trish Smithson

Readings: Trish Smithson

Intercessions: Trish Smithson

Sunday 15th: Holy Communion

Patronal Festival of St Mary



Refreshments: Majella Heaton

Readings: Majella Heaton

Intercessions: Majella Heaton

Sunday 22nd: Holy Communion

Refreshments: Charles & Helen Clark

Readings: Charles & Helen Clark

Intercessions: Charles & Helen

Sunday 27th: Holy Communion

Readings: Sally-Ann Riddell

Intercessions: Sally-Ann Riddell

PARISH LUNCH @ CAFE

A Biblical Quiz for the Month!

The Good Samaritan Parable

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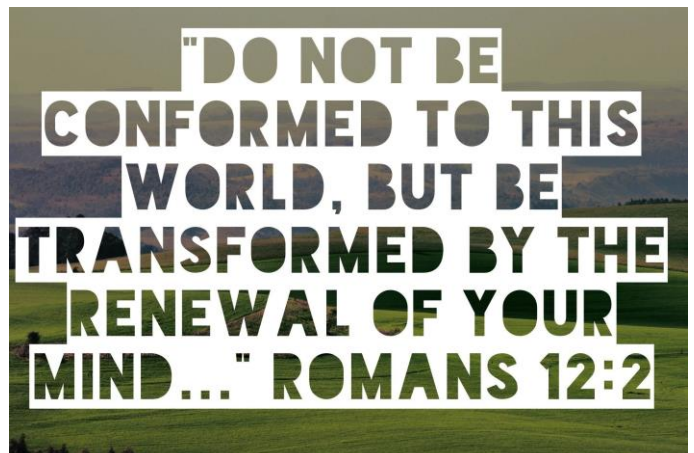
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What does scripture say about worship?

In the Bible, worship describes both a way of life and a specific activity. Praising, adoring, and expressing reverence for God, both publicly and privately, are specific acts of worship. In a broader sense, worship refers to an overall lifestyle of serving and glorifying God and reflecting His glory to others.

When the Old Testament prophet Jonah said, "I am a Hebrew, and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land" (Jonah 1:9, NLT), he was speaking of a lifestyle wholly dedicated to glorifying God. The apostle Paul also defined worship as an all-encompassing way of life: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1).

Believers participate in specific acts of worship whenever they celebrate God's worthiness and greatness by giving honour and glory to His name. Worship can be expressed in words, shouts, singing, bowing down, raising hands, and many other ways. The psalmist urges the faithful to enter into acts of worship: "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song" (Psalm 95:1–2).

The word Greek word for "worship," *proskuneō*, means "to encounter God and praise Him." For centuries the Jewish people had encountered God in the temple for worship. But when Jesus arrived on the scene, He spoke metaphorically of Himself as the temple (John 2:19–22). Through His resurrection from the dead, Jesus became the spiritual dwelling place where God and His people would meet (see Matthew 12:6 and Hebrews 10:19–20). In John 4:23–24, Jesus made it clear that the physical location of our worship is no longer relevant: "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23–24). True worship takes place on the inside, within our hearts or spirits, which is the dwelling place of God (Psalm 103:1–2; Ephesians 2:22).

Humans were created to worship God (Psalm 29:1–2; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 1:3–6; Philippians 2:9–11). The purpose of the church, beyond serving the Lord and spreading the gospel, is to worship God through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:4–6; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 5:6–14). God is the object of our worship. He alone is worthy of worship (1 Chronicles 16:25; Psalm 96:4–5). Worshipping God means crediting to Him the absolute worth that He alone deserves. He is our Creator (Acts 17:28; James 1:17; Revelation 4:11), Redeemer (Colossians 1:12–13; 1 Peter 1:3), and Lord (Psalm 22:27). The Father and the Son receive worship (Matthew 14:33; 28:17; Luke 7:16); the holy angels worship God and refuse to be worshipped themselves (Revelation 19:10; 22:9).

A biblical concept of worship involves praising God and giving Him glory with our lips and our lives, with our words and our deeds, with our physical bodies and our spiritual hearts. Worship that pleases God is authentic, offered with clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:3–4; Isaiah 66:2).

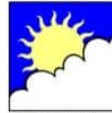


Free Bible Trivia

Blessed By God

How well do you know these "blessed" passages? Try to fill in each missing word without looking up each reference. Then check your answers.

1. The Lord bless you and _____ you; the Lord make his face _____ on you and be _____ to you; the Lord turn his face to you and give you _____. (Num. 6:24-26, NIV)



2. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he _____ on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the _____ day and made it _____. (Ex. 20:11, NIV)

3. Blessed is the one who _____ in the LORD, who does not look to the _____, to those who turn aside to false gods. (Ps. 40:4, NIV)

4. Blessed is the _____ whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his _____. (Ps. 33:12, NIV)

5. "Hosanna to the _____ of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the _____ of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest _____!" (Matt. 21:9, NIV)

6. Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the _____ of heaven. (Matt. 5:3, NIV)

7. God blessed them and said, "Be _____ and increase in _____, and fill the water in the seas, and let the _____ increase on the earth." (Gen. 1:22, NIV)

8. Bless those who _____ you; bless and do not curse. (Rom. 12:14, NIV)

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