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Building a Theology of Worship: Insights from the New Testament

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Welcome to the nineteenth edition of W.o.W. (Word on Worship)—the monthly newsletter from Teshua Ministries designed to inspire, equip, and deepen our understanding of true worship. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are delighted to walk this journey of worship with you as we seek to glorify God and grow stronger in faith.

This publication reflects the heart and mission of Dr. Janicka, founder of Teshua Ministries, who is passionate about helping believers experience victorious worship that transforms lives. We pray that each edition ignites a greater hunger for God's presence and empowers you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for being part of the W.o.W. Word on Worship family. Let's continue this journey onward and upward to victory in Christ!

Blessings,
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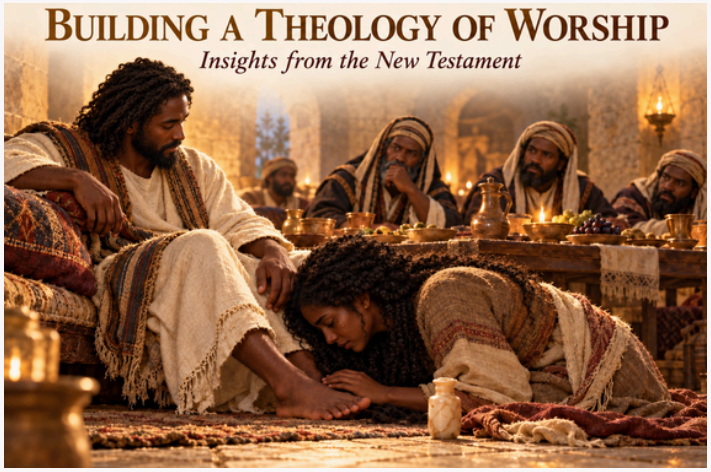


Introduction

A person needs to often examine what God considers to be acceptable worship. In our last newsletter, we discussed that praying, offering a sacrifice, expressing thanksgiving, giving God praise, demonstrating acts of service, bowing, kneeling, singing, clapping, reading His Word, dancing, playing an instrument, or lifting one's hands toward the heavens are all acts of giving God reverence. Building a theology of worship, or a belief system that reflects God's worship standards, is crucial in the life of a believer. In this issue, we will examine three biblical examples of acceptable worship in the New Testament that support building a theology of worship.

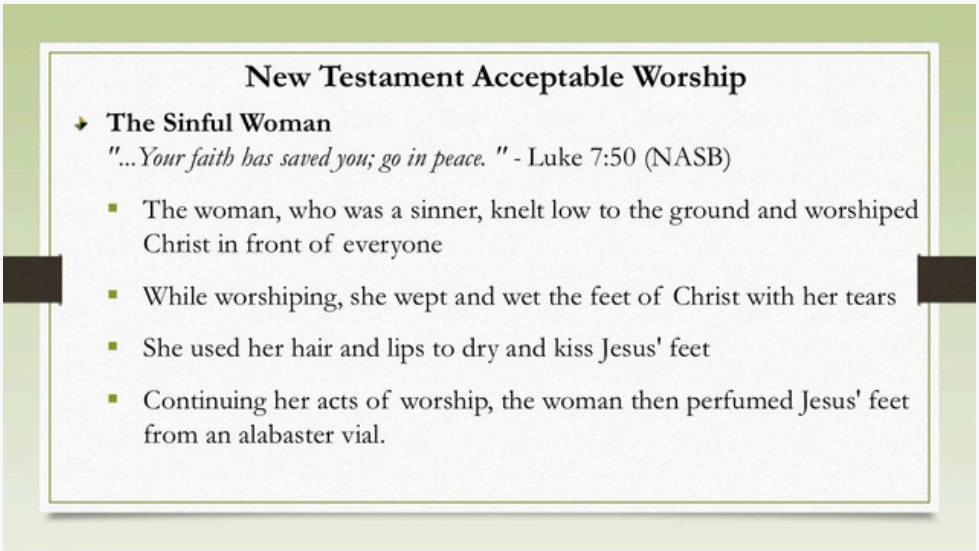
Acceptable Worship in the New Testament

Jesus, in Luke chapter seven, went to dine at the house of a Pharisee. While dining, a woman, who was a sinner, heard where Jesus was in the city of Galilee and approached Him. Pharisees were present



who knew of her reputation, but rather than be deterred, she knelt low to the ground and worshiped Christ. While weeping, she wet the feet of Christ with her tears, and used her hair and lips to dry and kiss his feet. She then perfumed His feet from an alabaster vial. Because of her acts of worship, Jesus forgave her many sins in Luke 7:48 (NASB), **"And He said to her, 'Your sins have been forgiven.'"** The woman's actions of worship demonstrated how much she loved Him. This woman disregarded the negative reactions of people present and frankly interrupted a dinner event to be in the presence of Jesus Christ. She didn't waste time with a bunch of words, but instead came before Jesus with a bowed head and spirit honoring the Savior. Her true worship as a believer in Christ gave her salvation and peace when He said in Luke 7:50 (NASB), **"...Your faith has saved you; go in peace."**

The Gospel of John records Jesus walking by a man who was born blind. Jesus healed the man's blindness. When the man was healed, he was questioned



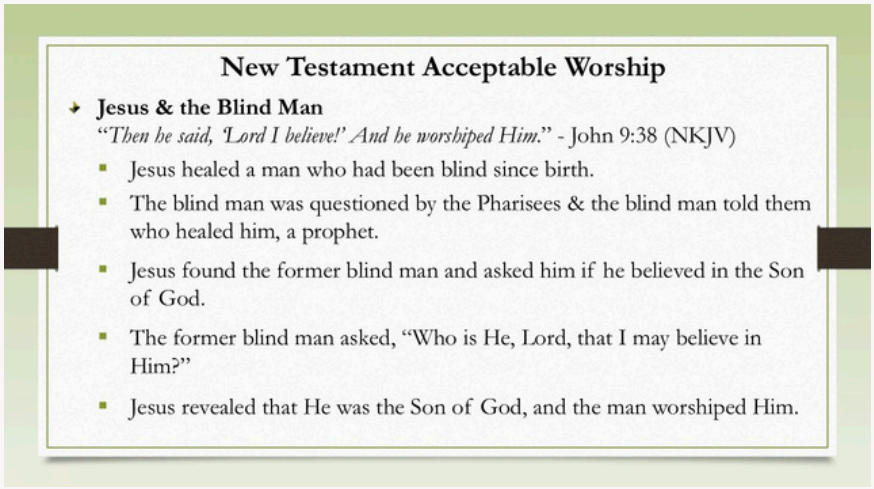
by Pharisees about his healing, not once, but twice. The former blind man shared with the Pharisees that his healing was from a prophet in John 9:17 (NKJV). He also shared how he believed that Jesus Christ was from God and without sin. The Pharisees were angered against the former blind man who later encountered Jesus again. Jesus asked the man in John 9:35 (NKJV), **“Do you believe in the Son of God?”** He responded by saying to Jesus, **“Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”** Jesus responded by telling the man that the Son of God was He. **“Then he said, ‘Lord, I believe!’ And he worshiped Him,”** in John 9:38 (NKJV). This man was blind physically from birth. When his sight was restored, he was committed to believing in God. When he realized that he had in fact encountered the Son of God, his immediate response was to worship. Jesus' response was to share His purpose for coming into the world, which was to take away man's sins. Jesus then said to the former blind man in John 9:39 (NKJV), **“For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”** The blind man's healing was God's divine grace in action. The blind man's act of worship recognized God's awesome presence and God's grace for acceptable worship **(Worship in the New Testament: Divine Mystery and Human Response).**

On the day of Pentecost, as a result of Peter preaching the gospel to the masses of people from a variety of nations, they repented and were baptized. Afterwards, as acts of worship in Acts 2:42 (NASB), **"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."** Their corporate worship and continual fellowship resulted in the people experiencing signs and wonders. Acts 2:46–47 (NASB) states, **"Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread…taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved."** The believers demonstrated how acceptable worship such as prayer, the breaking of

bread, and fellowship will move the Spirit of God. The Lord blessed them with increase for the purpose of His glory and the salvation of new believers.

Contemporary Relevance & Conclusion

The examples in the New Testament demonstrate how God responds to acts of worship. The woman with the alabaster box moved the heart of Jesus Christ to protect and forgive her sins. Similar to the woman with the alabaster box, we as worshipers can kneel in the presence of the Lord, express words of adoration, and be moved to tears by confessing our love for Jesus. The lesson is a contrite heart and mind that is determined to seek the presence of the Lord and intentionally draw close to God. All of which lends itself toward acceptable worship unto the Lord.



The story of the blind man is interesting because initially the disciples questioned if the man's blindness was due to his or his parents' sins. Regarding the blind man, Jesus said, **"...the works of God should be revealed in him,"** in John 9:3 (NKJV). Jesus was filled with compassion when He healed the man's eyesight, and the former blind man quickly became a witness, declaring the works of Jesus Christ in his life when questioned by people in the synagogue who doubted his healing. Then Jesus found him again and asked about his belief in the Son of God. When Jesus revealed himself, the former blind man immediately worshiped Jesus. The Lord was receptive of the man's worship because he simply believed. Today, a believer's walk must be rooted in the belief of who Jesus Christ is and His role in the lives of worshipers. As worshipers, when the Lord removes our own spiritual blindness, where we once called right wrong and wrong right, we have the liberty to worship freely. God is always receptive to a heart filled with reverence that recognizes His powerful work in their lives and is willing to glorify Him as an act of worship.





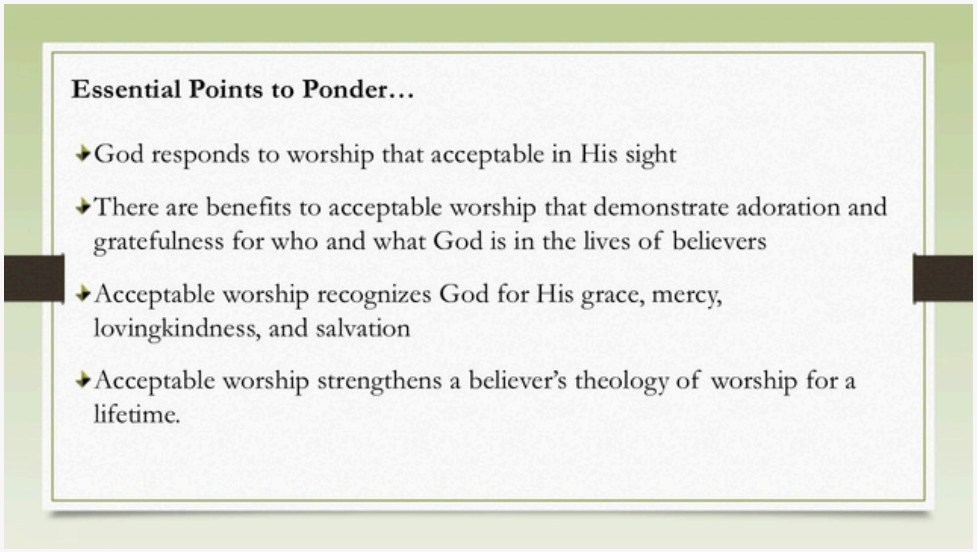
The Day of Pentecost event, with Peter preaching, led to groups of believers gathering corporately to worship the Lord as led by the Holy Spirit. Their desire to gather together yielded uninterrupted fellowship focused on learning and encountering the presence of God. They demonstrated acts of acceptable worship that praised God with a sincere heart. As worshipers, we can glean from Acts chapter 2 the power of corporate worship to spread the gospel to non-believers and advance the kingdom of God. The Lord desires worship, and He has demonstrated that when worshipers are on one accord, He will respond. In Acts chapter 2, God gave them favor and increased the number of people being saved daily. Acceptable worship in a corporate setting can produce the same results today.



There are additional examples of worship that is pleasing to God, yet the highlighted examples in Luke, John, and Acts demonstrate that God responds to worship that is acceptable in His sight. The Lord responds to repentant worshipers who desire His presence, and those who choose to worship as a group of believers. There is clear benefits to acceptable worship that demonstrate adoration and gratefulness for who and what God is in the lives of believers. Acceptable worship moves the heart of God to forgive, to heal for His glory, and to increase the number of believers for the universal church.

Building a theology of worship entails understanding clearly what God desires from believers who reverence Him. The Lord desires acceptable worship that recognizes

Him for His grace, mercy, lovingkindness, and salvation. Acceptable worship is biblical, which is what a believer should always keep in mind, body, and spirit. Practiced daily, through a relationship with Jesus Christ aligned with the Word of God, a person's belief, or theology of worship is ultimately strengthened throughout the lifetime of a believer.



Let's Pray…

Father God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your Word that has sustained itself through time to provide a spiritual roadmap for those of us who desire to worship You. We are grateful for Your daily compassion and desire to engage with us as believers who sincerely love and adore You. Please continually guide us to always seek Your will for worship that is consistently aligned with Your expectations and in tune with Your heart. Thank You because You respond to our worship when it is sincere and dedicated to seeking Your presence. We are grateful that even today, You are still saving souls, healing infirmities, and growing the universal church all for the purpose of Your glory. Amen!

Save the Date: Let's Gather For Worship V

The wait is almost over! Let's Gather For Worship V is coming to Cornerstone Community Church in Vineland, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Registration is NOW OPEN!

We cannot wait to see you there as we gather with worshippers, ministry leaders, and believers who desire to encounter the presence of God and continue growing as true worshippers.



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