

## Authentic Worship

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Verses: Revelation 4 & 5

Homework: Psalm 95; Acts 2:46-47; Micah 6:8; James 1:27

Worship: To give worth – to ascribe value – to recognize and honor

- Worship before the Throne of God Revelation 4
  - THRONE! - 11 times in chapter 4!
  - “Holy, Holy, Holy” – See Isaiah 6
- Worship of the Lamb/ Lion Revelation 5
  - “Worthy” – The Lamb/ Lion is worthy of our worship!
  - See Revelation 22:9 – We are to worship God alone!
    - Worship is speaking truthfully about God’s character!
- Worship as lifestyle:
  - 1 Thess. 2:12 “... urging you to live lives worthy of God...”
  - Phil 1:27 “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”
  - Colossians 1:10 “... that you may live/ walk a life worthy...”
  - Ephesians 4:1 “... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Authentic: Of undisputed origin, real

- Jesus & the Woman at the Well John 4:21-24
  - Not about location or building, but focused on God and reality
- The kind of worshipers the Father seeks – spirit and truth!
  - Spirit = God-focused connection/ relationship
  - Truth = based in the reality of the Bible (historic faith = real, true)

“Inauthentic” Worship

- Hypocrisy - Matthew 15:7-9
- Idolatry - Romans 1:25/ 1 John 5:21

Key:

- As followers of Jesus Christ, we gather together to respond to God by giving praise/glory to Him because He is worthy.

Application:

- Does your lifestyle reflect Christ to others?