

B. WHAT IS A WORSHIPER?**John 4:23**

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”

Jesus didn't say that God is seeking worship – scripture tells us that all creation declares His glory, and that He can make even the rocks cry out in praise! He's seeking true worshipers.

A worshiper is one who spends their life seeking, seeing, and responding to God's revelation of His infinite worth.

1. Seeking**Psalm 27:8**

“You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek.’”

- We are to seek God as we prepare our lives to be a dwelling place for Him.

1 Chronicles 22:19

“Now set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the Lord God...”

David issued this command regarding the building of the temple, a sanctuary, as a dwelling place for the presence of God in Jerusalem. We seek Him in spirit now, He doesn't dwell in a building made with hands.

John 4:24 says that *“God is spirit, and those that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”*

Now we come into the spirit realm, where God dwells in reality. We seek to worship Him in truth, as He really is, not as we might imagine Him to be in our minds.

- A worshiper's deepest desire is to seek God.

We read these commands to seek God, but we also see that David had a deep desire to seek God, far beyond the command to do so.

Psalm 63:1 (NIV)

“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you; my whole being longs for you.”

2. Seeing

- The Bible promises us that if we will seek the Lord, we **will** find Him.

Jeremiah 29:13 *“If you seek me with your whole heart, you will find me.”*

Proverbs 8:17 *“I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.”*

- When we find the Lord, we *see Him* – He reveals Himself to us.

Psalms 27:4 *“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek – that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”*

Like David, when we seek the Lord we find Him, and we see Him – in the spirit realm, where He is, and in the truth, as He really is. John experienced this.

Revelation 1:10

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day...” [seeking God] ... and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet...”

John heard a voice speaking. Then he saw Jesus – the Lord revealed Himself to John.

Revelation 1:12-16

“I turned toward the voice which was talking to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lamp stands. There was someone like the Son of Man among the lamp stands. He was wearing a robe that reached his feet. He wore a gold belt around his waist.

“His head and his hair were white like wool, like snow. His eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like glowing bronze refined in a furnace. His voice was like the sound of raging waters.

“In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword. His face was like the sun when it shines in all its brightness.”

Seeking him in prayer, John saw Jesus in all His beauty, majesty, power, and glory!

3. Responding

When we see Him, we respond to Him in worship.

- This is a voluntary response – we choose to worship Him.

Psalms 89:1

*“I **will** sing of the goodness and lovingkindness of the Lord forever. With my mouth I **will** make known your faithfulness from generation to generation.”*

- But, one day, there will be no choice – when He is revealed in all His glory, His infinite worth will simply demand a response! John experienced this involuntary response.

Rev. 1:17

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.”

Phil. 2:8-11

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

On that day, it will not be an invitation, and it will no longer even be a command – it will just be a reality!

The glory, splendor, greatness, and worthiness of God is so beyond the scope of anything or anyone else that can be imagined, that when He is fully revealed, He will be fully worshiped, by everyone and everything everywhere!

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