

New Testament Church

Lesson 11

Worship Angels? Worship Jesus?

Worship Activities of a Local Church

(Preaching, Praying, Singing, Lord's Supper)

Worship Angels?

- Twice, John fell at the feet of angel to worship him. Both times the angel rebuked him and told him to “worship God” (Revelation 19:10; 22:8–9).

Can We Worship Jesus?

- While Jesus was on the earth, various individuals worshiped Him, and He accepted that worship (Matt. 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Mark 5:6; Luke 24:52; John 9:38).
- “But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him’” (Heb. 1:6).

Can We Worship Jesus?

- Rev. 5:8–14 pictures angels, the 4 living creatures, the 24 elders, and “every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth” worshipping the Lamb (Jesus).
- “To Him (Jesus) be glory forever and ever. Amen!” (2 Tim. 4:18). Can that praise be expressed to Him?
- Can we sing the words of Psalms 23? After all, who is our Shepherd? (Jn. 10:11, 14, 16; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4).

Can We Worship Jesus?

- “Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).
 - “prisoner of Christ Jesus” (3:1); “prisoner of the Lord” (4:1); see also 4:4–5 (one Lord, one Father); 5:20 (thanks to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ).
- Can we sing Psalms 148 (which we often do) and think only of the Father? What about the Word—“all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made” (John 1:3)?

Can We Worship Jesus?

- The name, Jehovah, or LORD, is not reserved exclusively for the Father; in some passages it clearly refers to Jesus. “The LORD of hosts...will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (Isaiah 8:13–14). This passage is quoted in 1 Peter 2:8, where it is applied to Jesus. And again from Isaiah, “Thus says the LORD...I am the First and the Last” (Isaiah 44:6). That is precisely the way Jesus describes Himself in Revelation 1:17.

Can We Worship Jesus?

- “Worship God” (Rev. 19:10; 22:9).
 - Is Jesus not God? “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Col. 2:9).
 - What about the Holy Spirit? “Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?...You have not lied to men but to God” (Acts 5:3–4).

Preaching

“In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through **preaching...**”

(Titus 1:2–3).

Preaching

- Do any N.T. passages show preaching done in the assembly?
 - Acts 11:26; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 14
- Goals of this preaching described in Eph. 4:11–16, and in the following passages:
 - “Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Col. 1:28).
 - “In doing this (preaching) you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Tim. 4:16).

Singing

“Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously!’” (Exo. 15:1).

“Then they believed His words; they sang His praise (Psa. 106:12).

Singing

- Recall earlier lessons on authority. Does Christ give us authority to use musical instruments?
- What types of songs do we sing, according to the N.T.?
- Explain the phrases: “singing with grace in your hearts (Col. 3:16),” and “singing and making melody in your heart” (Eph. 5:19).
- Any one exempt from singing?

Singing

- “I will **sing** to the LORD as long as I live; I will **sing praise** to my God while I have my being” (Psa. 104:33).
- “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with **singing**, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isa. 35:10).

Praying

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (ESV—“has great power”; NAS—“can accomplish much”) (James 5:16).

Praying

- “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” (1 Tim. 2:1).
 - What does the phrase, “first of all,” indicate?
 - What is supplication? Intercession?
- “In this manner, therefore pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name” (Matt. 6:9).
 - What does it mean to hallow His name?

Praying

- Should just any man be asked to lead the assembled church in prayer?
- In what way might private and public prayers be different?

Lord's Supper

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** of the body of Christ? (1 Cor. 10:16).

Lord's Supper

- “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread...” Where is this passage found?
- “Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an _____ manner” will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” (1 Cor. 11:27).
- “Do this in _____ of Me” (1 Cor. 11:24).
- Name some things we can do to help us remember, or help us partake in a worthy manner.