

So we'll be Ready when the Time Comes

Worship Reference Study

Chapter 10 Speaking Associated with Worship (14x's)

Worship occurs occasionally in the same context with speaking. However, the Bible does not emphasize speaking as an independent expression of worship. When phrased as an expression of worship, speaking generally occurred in conjunction with bowing or falling down.

Worshiper	Times	Association	NAS Verse
Joshua	1	Fell on his face and asked a question	Jos 5:14
David	4	Exhortation to worship in Psalm giving thanks	1 Ch 16:7-36
		Exhortation to worship followed 7x's by "the voice of the Lord"	Psa 29:2-9
		Exhortation to worship and speak to the nations	Psa 96:9-10
		Bowed on his bed saying blessings to the Lord	1 Ki 1:47
Israelites	2	Bowed and spoke praise	2 Ch 7:3
		Bowed and confessed sins	Neh 9:3
Disciples	1	Worshiped Jesus saying	Mat 14:33
Elders	2	Fell down articulating God's worthiness	Rev 4:10-11
		Fell on their faces speaking thanks to God	Rev 11:16-17
Elders and Living	2	Elders fell down while all living creature spoke blessings to God	Rev 5:13-14
Creatures		Fell down saying "Amen. Hallelujah!"	Rev 19:4

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Angels, elders, living creatures	1	Fell on their faces while speaking to God	Rev 7:11-12
An Angel	1	Announces a prophetic proclamation involving worship	Rev 15:3-4

Scriptures that Associate SPEAKING with Worship

- 1. When Joshua encountered the captain to the Lord's host
 - Jos 5:14 He said, "No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD [Jehovah means the Existing One]." And Joshua fell [naphal] on his face to the earth, and bowed [shachah] down, and said to him, "What has my lord ['Adonay, of men or God; title, spoken in place of Yahweh in Jewish display of reverence] to say to his servant?"
- 2. When the Israelites established the ark under David's Tabernacle, David assigned a psalm to Asaph and his relatives for giving thanks to the LORD (1 Ch 16:7). This psalm contains an exhortation to worship in a context of speaking and singing. Two other Psalms repeat this exhortation in association with speaking.
 - **1 Ch 16:29 Ascribe** to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; **Worship** [shachah] **the LORD** in holy array
- **3. Psa 29:2 Ascribe** to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array. [Followed by (Psa 29: 3-9) The **voice** of the Lord ... 7x's]
- **4. Psa 96:9-10 Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth. **Say** among the nations, "The LORD reigns; ..."
- **5.** When David's servants Blessed Solomon, he bowed and spoke blessings to the Lord.
 - **1 Ki 1:47-48** "...And the king [David] **bowed** [shachah, bowed in worship NIV] himself on the bed. The king has also **said** thus, 'blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who has granted one to sit on my throne today while my own eyes see it.""
- **6.** When the Israelites dedicated Solomon's Temple, they worshiped and spoke praises.

- **2 Ch 7:3** All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house [Solomon's Temple], **bowed down** [kara'] on the pavement with their **faces to the ground**, and they **worshiped** [shachah] and **gave praise** [yadah] to the LORD, **saying**, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- **7.** After restoring the Feast of Booths, the Israelites fasted, confessed sins, and worshiped.
 - **Neh 9:3** While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth they **confessed** [yadah, means to thank, praise, or confess sins] and **worshiped** [shachah] the LORD their God.
- **8.** When Jesus returned to the Disciples after walking on water, they worshiped Him speaking the truth about His status.
 - **Mat 14:33** And those [Disciples] who were in the boat **worshiped** [proskuneo] Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"
- **9.** When the Elders responded to Him who sits on the throne in heaven, they fell down in worship articulating His worthiness.
 - **Rev 4:10** the twenty-four elders will **fall down** [*pipto*] before Him who sits on the throne, and will **worship** [*proskuneo*] Him who lives forever and ever, and will **cast their crowns** before the throne,
 - Rev 4:11 saying, "Worthy are You, our LORD and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."
- **10.** When every created being with the 4 living creatures responded to Him who sits on the throne and the Lamb saying, "blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever" (Rev 5:13 NAS)
 - **Rev 5:14** And the four living creatures kept **saying**, "Amen." And the elders **fell down** [*pipto*] and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*].
- **11.** When angels, elders, and living creatures around the throne in heaven fell on their faces and worshiped God saying blessings.
 - **Rev 7:11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they **fell** [*pipto*] on their faces before the throne and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] God, **saying**,

- **Rev 7:12** "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."
- **12.** When an angel sounded the 7th trumpet after a great earthquake loud voices in heaven announced, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever" (Rev 11:15 NAS). In response, the 24 elders fell on their faces and worshiped speaking thanks to the Lord.
 - **Rev 11:16** And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, **fell** [pipto] on their faces and **worshiped** [proskuneo] God,
 - **Re 11:17 saying**, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign."
- **13.** An angel flying in mid-heaven, with an eternal gospel to preach (vs. 6) proclaims a prophetic announcement about worship.
 - **Rev 15:3-4** And they sang the song of Moses [holding harps vs 2], the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, **saying** [lego means to say, speak, affirm over, maintain, teach, exhort, advise, command, direct, point out with words, intend, mean, call, speak out], "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND **WORSHIP** [proskuneo] BEFORE FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."
- **14.** Preceded by a strong angel demonstrating the destruction of Babylon (Rev 18:21) and followed by a voice from the throne and a great multitude (Rev 19:5-6), worship and speaking converge.
 - **Rev 19:4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures **fell down** [pipto] and **worshiped** [proskuneo] God who sits on the throne **saying**, "Amen. Hallelujah!"