



So we'll be Ready when the Time Comes

Worship Reference Study

Chapter 13

Other Associations with Worship

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GOD AS CREATOR Associated with Worship (7x's)

| Worshippers | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|--|------------------------------|
| Exhortations to worship | 3 | The Lord made the heavens | 1 Ch 16:26, 29 Psa 96:5,9 |
| | | The Lord made the sea and formed land | Psa 95:5-6 |
| The heavenly host bows down before God | 1 | Creation | Neh 9:6 |
| An Athenian Altar honors an unknown God | 1 | Paul directs reverence to God as the Creator | Ac 17:23-26 |
| 24 Elders in heaven | 1 | Worship God as Creator | Rev 4:10-11 |

| Worshippers | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|--|-----------|
| Those who live on the earth, from every nation, tribe, tongue, and people | 1 | An angel exhorts worshipping God the Creator | Rev 14:7 |

Scriptures that Associate God as CREATOR with Worship

1. The psalm assigned while establishing the Tabernacle of David contains an exhortation to worship the Lord who made the heavens.

1 Ch 16:26,29 ...the LORD **made the heavens**. ...Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; **Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in holy array.

2. **Psa 96:5,9** ...the LORD **made the heavens**. ...**Worship** the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.

3. This Psalm contains an exhortation to worship the Lord who made the sea and formed the land.

Psa 95:5-6 **The sea** is His, for it was **He who made it**, And His hands **formed the dry land**. Come, let us **worship and bow down**, Let us **kneel** before the LORD **our Maker**.

4. The heavenly host bows down in response to God's creation.

Neh 9:6 "You alone are the Lord. You have **made the heavens**, The heaven of heavens with **all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all** of them And the **heavenly host bows down** [*shachah*] before You.

5. Paul explains that the unknown God worshiped in Athens is the God who made the everything and gives life to everyone.

Ac 17:23-26 For while I [Paul] was passing through [Athens] and examining the objects of your worship [*sebasma*, religiously honor as an object of worship], I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD' Therefore **what you worship** [*eusebeo*, act piously or reverently] in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. **The God who made the world and all things in it**, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served [*therapeuo*, served 1x otherwise, renditions of healed or cured 42x's] by human hands, as though He needed anything, since **He Himself gives to all people life and breath** and all things; and He **made from one man every**

nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

- 24 Elders in heaven worship God extolling His creative attributes.

Rev 4:10-11 the **twenty-four elders** will **fall down** 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, 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.**"

- An angel exhorts worshipping God the creator.

Rev 14:7 and he [an angel] said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; **worship** [*proskuneo*] **Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters**".

DISCIPLES WORSHIPPING JESUS (5x's)

| Worshippers | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|--|------------|
| Disciples in a boat on the Sea of Galilee | 1 | Worshiped Jesus As Son of God | Mat 14:33 |
| Man healed of blindness *not referred to as disciple | 1 | Worshiped Jesus As Son of Man | John 9:38 |
| Mary Magdalene Mary mother of James | 1 | Worshiped resurrected Christ | Mat 28:9 |
| Eleven Disciples | 1 | Worshiped resurrected Christ before His ascension | Mat 28:17 |
| 11 Disciples with others | 1 | | Luke 24:52 |

Scriptures that describe DISCIPLES Worshiping Jesus

Before the Resurrection

- The Disciples who witnessed Jesus walking on the water

Mat 14:33 And those who were in the boat **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

- A blind man (not identified as a disciple) whom Jesus healed

John 9:38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him [Jesus as the Son of Man].

After the Resurrection

3. Mary Magdalene and another Mary (the mother of James, Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10)

Mat 28:9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and **took hold of His feet** and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him.

4. Eleven Disciples on an unidentified mountain (Mat 28:16)

Mat 28:17 When they saw Him, they **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him; but some were doubtful.

5. Eleven Disciples with others (including Cleopas and his companion from the road to Emmaus) worshiped in response to Christ's ascension after a blessing.

Luke 24:52 And they, after **worshipping** [*proskuneo*] Him [resurrected Christ], returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

ANGELS WORSHIPPING GOD (5x's)

| Worshippers | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|---|--------------|
| The Heavenly Host | 1 | Bows down before God | Neh 9:6 |
| Angels (or gods) Hebrew, <i>'elohiym</i> | 1 | Exhortation to Worship | Psa 97:7 |
| Every knee will bow | 1 | At the name of Jesus | Phil 2:10-11 |
| The Angels of God | 1 | When God again brings the firstborn into the world | Heb 1:6 |
| All the angels | 1 | Fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God | Rev 7:11 |

Scriptures that describe ANGELS Worshiping God

1. In unanimous displays of self-abasement, multitudes of angelic worshipers employ this posture for showing reverence.

Neh 9:6 You alone are the LORD You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them You give life to all of them And the heavenly host **bows down** [*shachah*] before You.

2. **Psa 97:7** Let all those be ashamed who serve [*'abad*] graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; **Worship** [*shachah*] Him, all you **gods** [*'elohiym*, possibly angels].

3. **Phil 2:10-11** So that at the name of Jesus every knee will **bow** [kampto, bowing may not involve worship], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will **confess** [exomologeo] that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
4. **Heb 1:6** And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD **WORSHIP** [proskuneo]”
5. **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,

Falling, Bowing, or Worshiping a fellow human (1x)

After Cornelius welcomed Peter into his home, he “fell down at his feet to worship him”. Immediately Peter made the Roman centurion stand saying, “I myself am also a man.” (Acts 10:25-26 NKJ)

Falling, Bowing, or Worshiping before an ANGEL (6x’s)

| Individuals | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|---|---------------|
| Balaam | 1 | Angel of the Lord | Num 22:31 |
| David and the Elders | 1 | Angel of the Lord | 1 Ch 21:16-17 |
| Daniel | 1 | An Angel | Dan 10:15 |
| Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women | 1 | Two men in dazzling clothing at Jesus’ tomb | Luke 24:5 |
| John | 2 | An Angel | Rev 19:10 |
| | | | Rev 22:8-9 |

Scriptures that describe falling, bowing, or worshiping before an ANGEL

1. **Balaam** bows in response to seeing **the angel of the Lord** (possible theophany).

Num 22:31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he **bowed** [qadad] **all the way to the ground**.

2. **David** and **the Elders** fell on their faces in response to **the angel of the Lord** (possible theophany).

1 Ch 21:16-17 Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, covered with sackcloth, **fell** [*naphal*] **on their faces**. David **said** to God, "Is it not I who commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly, but these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my God, please let Your hand be against me and my father's household, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

3. **Daniel** bowed facedown in response to an angelic visitation.

Dan 10:15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I **turned** [*nathan*] **my face toward the ground** and became speechless.

NIV I **bowed with my face toward the ground** and was speechless.

4. At Jesus' empty tomb, **Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women** bowed to the ground before two "men".

Luke 24:5 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"

5. Twice **John** mistakenly fell down to worship an angel. Beware! If a holy angel might trigger worship unintentionally from a seasoned Apostle like John, we ought to fortify our resolve against the intentional efforts conspired by Satan's demonic deception.

Re 19:10 Then I **fell** [*pipto*] at his feet to **worship** [*proskuneo*] him [**angel**]. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; **worship** [*proskuneo*] God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Re 22:8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I **fell down** [*pipto*] to **worship** [*proskuneo*] at the feet of the **angel** who showed me these things.

Re 22:9 But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. **Worship** [*proskuneo*] God."

Worship Associated with DEMONS or SATAN (7x's)

The Bible does not mention worship in association with antichrist

| Potential Worshipers | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|---|-------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rest of Mankind | 1 | Idols | Rev 9:20 |
| Rest of Mankind | 1 | Demons | Rev 9:20 |
| Whole Earth | 1 | The Dragon (Satan, devil) | Rev 13:4 (Rev 12:9) |
| Whole Earth, Inhabitants of the Earth (Whose names are not written in the book of life) | 3 | The Beast | Rev 13:4 |
| | | | Rev 13:8 |
| | | | Rev 13:12 |
| Not mentioned | 1 | The image of the beast | Rev 13:15 |

Scriptures that Associate DEMONS or SATAN with Worship

1. Idol worship

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to **worship** [*proskuneo*] demons, and the **idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood**, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

2. Demon worship

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to **worship** [*proskuneo*] **demons**, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

3. Dragon worship, i.e., “the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan” (Rev 12:9)

Rev 13:4 they [the whole earth, Rev 13:3] **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] **the dragon** because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped [*proskuneo*] the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”

4. Beast worship

Rev 13:4 they [the whole earth, Rev 13:3] worshiped [*proskuneo*] the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they **worshiped** [*proskuneo*]

the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will **worship** [*proskuneo*] him [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Rev 13:12 He [second beast] exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to **worship** [*proskuneo*] the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

5. Image of the beast worship

Rev 13:15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not **worship** [*proskuneo*] the **image of the beast** to be killed.

Worship at the IDOL of JEALOUSY (Ezekiel 8)

Ezk 8:1-6 It came about in the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell on me there. Then I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of a man; from His loins and downward there was the appearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance of glowing metal. He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the **idol of jealousy** [*qin'ah*, ardour, zeal, jealousy, or passion], which provokes to **jealousy** [*qana'*, envy or zeal], was located. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain. Then He said to me, "Son of man, raise your eyes now toward the north" So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate was this **idol of jealousy** at the entrance. And He said to me, "Son of man, **do you see what they are doing, the great abominations** which the house of Israel are committing here, so that I would be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

Ezk 8:16 Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about **twenty-five men** with their backs to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and they were **prostrating** [*shachah*] themselves eastward **toward the sun**.

Ezk 8:18 “Therefore, I indeed will deal in **wrath**. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them.”

False Worship Associated with WARFARE or BLOODSHED (4x’s)

| Individuals | Times | Association | NAS Verse |
|--|-------|--|--------------------------|
| Levites kill 3,000 men | 1 | Worshipping the molten calf | Exo 32:8 Exo 32:27-28 |
| God divided Judah and Israel | 1 | Worshipping Ashtoreth, Chemosh, Milcom | 1 Ki 11:31-33 |
| Herod used worship in an attempt to destroy Christ | 1 | Disingenuous appeal to worship Christ | Mat 2:8 |
| Roman soldiers beat Jesus | 1 | Mock worship | Mark 15:19 |

Scriptures that Associate WARFARE and/or BLOODSHED with Worship

1. The Levites killed 3,000 men for worshipping the molten calf in the wilderness

Exo 32:8 “They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a **molten calf**, and have **worshiped** [*shachah*] it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!’”

Exo 32:27-28 He said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go, back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and **kill every man** his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.’” So **the sons of Levi** did as Moses instructed, and **about three thousand men of the people fell that day**.

2. God divided Judah and Israel because they worshiped Ashtoreth, Chemosh, and Milcom

1 Ki 11:31-33 He said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, **I will tear the kingdom** out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes (but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel), **because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth** the goddess of the Sidonians, **Chemosh** the god of Moab, and **Mil-**

com the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.

3. Herod used worship in his attempt to destroy Christ.

Mat 2:8 And he [Herod] sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and **worship** [*proskuneo*] Him." [**FALSE WORSHIP**]

4. The Roman soldiers mixed mock worship with Jesus' beating.

Mark 15:19 They [Roman soldiers] kept **beating** His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and **kneeling** [*gonu*] and **bowing** [*proskuneo*] before Him.