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Offerings, Sacrifices, Altars, or Food Associated with Worshiping God (16x's)

While worship occurs occasionally in the same context with offerings, sacrifices, altars, and food, the Bible does not emphasize them as expressions of worship in reference to God.

Worshiper	Times	Association	NAS Verse
Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 elders	1	Divine invitation to worship, they saw God and ate together	Ex 24:1, 9-11
Israelites in land of Canaan	1	Instructed to offer the first produce and to worship before the Lord	Deu 26:10
Elkanah	1	Worshiped and sacrificed to the Lord at Shiloh each year	1 Sam 1:3
Families of the Nations	2	Psalms encourage bringing an offering and worshiping	1 Ch 16:28-29 (Psa 96:7-9)
All the Prosperous	1	Will eat and worship	Psa 22:29
Israelites	1	Reminder to bow down and sacrifice only to the Lord	2 Ki 17:36
Hezekiah and others	1	Burnt offerings and worship occur establishing God's house in Judah	2 Ch 29:28
Hezekiah Instructed Judah	1	To worship before one altar	2 Ki 18:22 (2 Ch 32:12) (Isa 36:7)
Egyptians	1	Will serve/worship [<i>`abad</i>] with sacrifice and offering	Isa 19:21

Worshiper	Times	Association	NAS Verse
The Prince and Priests	1	Statutes for burnt offerings, peace offerings, and worship	Eze 46:2
Magi	1	Worshiped Jesus and gave gold, frankincense, and myrrh	Mat 2:11
Athenian altar honoring an unknown God	1	Paul directs their reverent devotion towards the life-giving Creator	Ac 17:23-26
24 Elders	1	Worshiped and cast their crowns	Rev 4:10
Instruction for John to measure	1	The Temple, the altar and those who worship in it	Rev 11:1
Priestly duties at the altar	?	Gifts and sacrifices in the tabernacle worship-service relate to food	Heb 9:1 Heb 9:6, 9

Scriptures that Associate Worshiping God with OFFERINGS, SACRIFICES, ALTARS, or FOOD

1. Invited by God to worship at a distance, Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 elders saw God then ate and drank.

Exo 24:1, 9-11 Then He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall **worship at a distance**. ...Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and **they saw God, and they ate and drank**.

2. God instructed the Israelites en route to Canaan to bring the first produce of the ground and worship before the Lord.

Deu 26:10 'Now behold, I [an Israelite in the land of Canaan] have brought the **first of the produce** of the ground which You, O LORD have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and **worship** [*shachah*, NIV = bow down] **before the LORD your God**;

3. Elkanah worshiped and sacrificed to the Lord at Shiloh each year.

1 Sam 1:3 Now this man [Elkanah] would go up from his city yearly to **worship** [*shachah*] and to **sacrifice** to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to the LORD there.

4. Psalms exhort Israel to bring an offering before the Lord and worship in holy array.
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.
5. **Ps 96:8-9** Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; **Bring an offering** and come into His courts. **Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.
6. The prosperous of the earth will eat and worship.
Ps 22:29 All the prosperous of the earth will **eat** and **worship** [*shachah*], All those who go down to the dust will **bow** [*kara`*] **before Him**, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.
7. The Lord reminded a rejected, exiled apostate Israel, to bow down and sacrifice to Him alone.
2 Ki 17:36 "But the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, and to Him you shall **bow yourselves down** [*shachah*], and to Him you shall **sacrifice**."
8. Burnt offerings and worship occur independently as Hezekiah establishes the house of God.
2 Ch 29:28 While the whole assembly **worshiped** [*shachah*], the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this continued until the **burnt offering** was finished.
2 Ch 29:29 Now at the completion of the **burnt offerings**, the king [Hezekiah] and all who were present with him **bowed down** [*kara`*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].
9. Hezekiah commanded Judah to worship before one altar in Jerusalem
2 Ch 32:12 'Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, "You shall **worship** [*shachah*] before one **altar**, and on it you shall burn incense"?'
2 Ki 18:22 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall **worship** [*shachah*] before this **altar** in Jerusalem'?"

Isa 36:7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall **worship** [*shachah*] before this **altar**'?"

- 10.** Isaiah prophesies that Egypt will “worship [*`abad*] with sacrifice and offering”. The NAS translates *`abad* as “serve” only 6 out of 290 times in reference to God. NKJ translators render this phrase, “make sacrifice and offering”.

Isa 19:21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even **worship** [*`abad*] with **sacrifice** and **offering**, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

- 11.** Statutes concerning burnt offerings, peace offerings, and worship at the inner court by priests and a prince on Sabbath and New Moon days (Eze 46:1)

Eze 46:2 "The prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his **burnt offering** and his peace offerings, and he shall **worship** [*shachah*] at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

- 12.** The Magi worshiped Jesus before offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh

Mt 2:11 After coming into the house they [Magi] saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they **fell** [*pipto*] to the ground and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him. Then, opening their treasures, they **presented** to Him **gifts** of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- 13.** Paul informed the Athenians 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,

- 14.** The 24 Elders worship and cast their crowns before the throne.

Re 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**, saying,

15. An angel instructed John to measure the temple, the altar, and those who worship in it.

Re 11:1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the **temple** of God and the **altar**, and those who **worship** [*proskuneo*] in it.

Priestly Duties in the tabernacle service involve offering gifts and sacrifices at an altar, which relate to food. Other translators convey a greater sense of service rather than worship in this account.

Heb 9:1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of **divine worship** and the **earthly sanctuary**.

Heb 9:6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the **divine worship**,

Heb 9:9-10 [The Tabernacle] which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both **gifts and sacrifices are offered** which cannot make the **worshiper** perfect in conscience, since **they relate only to food and drink** and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

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