

*"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."
Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)*

Psalm 96: 5 Principles of Worship

"We don't define worship. Worship defines us." (Pete Sanchez)

A definition of worship – biblical worship is the response of the believer to God's revelation of Himself, based on His character and activity. It is expressed verbally and in a life of service and obedience.

1. WORSHIP IS UNCEASING *"tell of his salvation from day to day." (Ps 96:2; Rom 12:1)*

"We were not so much created to worship, but we were created as worshippers." (Harold Best, Unceasing Worship)

"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens." Psalms 96:4-5 (ESV)

No one does not worship. We all serve someone or something. Worship doesn't stop and start. All that we do is an act of worship.

2. WORSHIP BEGINS WITH GOD.

Worship is about our dependence on the living God who acts on our behalf.

Our worship is A RESPONSE TO GOD.

3. WORSHIP IS CHRIST CENTERED "Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." Psalms 96:1-2 (ESV) John 4:24

What is a "new song"?

Authentic worship is

Christ centered worship is evangelistic.

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Psalms 96:3 (ESV) Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Psalms 96:10 (ESV)

In corporate worship we celebrate the great story of redemption and reconciliation as revealed in the gospel.

4. WORSHIP IS DIVERSE (Psalm 96; John 4:24)

5. WORSHIP COMES WITH A COST

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalms 96:8 (ESV)

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name." Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)

To live a life of worship which glorifies God always comes with a cost. Our worship is undergirded by our submission/obedience to Jesus.

What might a life of worship cost you?