

Jeanna's Notes  
**THE LOST REVELATION OF WORSHIP**  
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We haven't scratched the surface of what worship is yet in the tongue talking Charismatic Church.

Church musicians are becoming more skilled and we have better equipment but the quality of worship has steadily declined.

Our songs are more emotional than spiritual. Musicians and songwriters are drawing from their own emotions to create. They go through rough times and then reflect their lack of faith and turmoil and transfer that to the people. I don't want that in my worship.

Lyrics like, "Oh God I wish I had the faith to believe"; "Send your spirit God"; contradict New Testament teachings. These songs don't transform people they just give them a small break because of emotional worship and then they go back to the way they were.

It is with very deliberate intent that I want to take this most holy sacred cow and lead it to the slaughterhouse of the New Testament and find out how it fares.

If we have good worship we can have church. I want you to get so mad you will look at the bible and see what it really says about worship.

Worship is a sacred cow in our services. You need to ask yourself a few questions concerning praise and worship.

The word praise is used 4 times in the New Testament and two of those times they are recounting the same story.

1. Does our worship service represent the scriptural example in the New Testament?
2. Does worship equal music?
3. Is there a biblical office of worship leader?
4. Can you lead someone into worship in the New Testament?
5. Is worship a place you go and can you enter into it?
6. What is the purpose of worship?
7. Who does worship benefit?

We assume our definition of worship is the bible definition. A lot of people are misjudging churches based on their concept of worship. There are churches people need to go to and churches people need to get out of but they won't based on their concept of praise and worship.

Do you know the only reason you should choose a church is because the bible says **God** has set every member in the body as it pleases Him!

Does it please God for you to be at the church you are at? Don't look at the youth service or the nursery, the worship service or the coffee bar to determine if you should go to that church. Ask God do you want me here? Ninety percent of the people are probably in the wrong church if any of those reasons are why you chose your church!

John 4:7-27

**7** There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.**

**8** (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

**9** Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

**10** Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

**11** The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

**12** Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

**13** Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:**

**14** **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

**15** The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

**16** Jesus saith unto her, **Go, call thy husband, and come hither.**

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, **Thou hast well said, I have no husband:**

18 **For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.**

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.**

22 **Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.**

23 **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

24 **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.**

Samaritans were considered idol worshipers and heathen dogs and women were looked at as cattle or property. The Samaritan woman came out to get water at noon not in the morning or evening like the other women. She was a woman of questionable character and did not mix with polite society. She was married five times and was now living with some man she was not married to. She was a social outcast.

Jesus asked a drink of her and she asked him why because she was a Samaritan and he was a Jew. He told her about her husbands and the next statement is a question concerning worship.

Why was she asking about worship?

Jesus told her he was the Messiah. Jesus only came out and said he was the Messiah in about two places. He never told the scribes and Pharisees or even his own disciples. He didn't even clearly tell John the Baptist. He clearly told this woman, who was married 5 times and living with a man, that he was the Messiah.

Why did Jesus reveal it to the Samaritan woman that he was the Messiah? What prompted him to reveal himself?

The Holy Ghost told me, "If you will learn what I taught this woman I will reveal myself to you plainly and without reservation like I did to her.

The Samaritans question was, "Where should I worship?"

If we come to a place of understanding worship we will see God reveal Himself like never before.

Why her? She asked where do I worship, where do I go to appear before God? Her situation compelled her to need to know how to get a hold of God.

What is worship?

John 4:23-25

**23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

**24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

What did he mean? Do I look up the word or do I assume it means music?

**WORSHIP 4352.** *proskune/w proskunéœ*; contracted *proskunœj*, fut. *proskunœjsœ*, from *prós* (4314), to, and *kunéœ* (n.f.), to kiss, adore. To worship, do obeisance, show respect, fall or prostrate before. Literally, to kiss toward someone, to throw a kiss in token of respect or homage. The ancient oriental (especially Persian) mode of salutation between persons of equal ranks was to kiss each other on the lips; when the difference of rank was slight, they kissed each other on the cheek; when one was much inferior, he fell upon his knees and touched his forehead to the ground or prostrated himself, throwing kisses at the same time toward the superior. It is this latter mode of salutation that Gr. writers express by *proskunéœ*. In the NT, generally, to do reverence or homage to someone, usually by kneeling or prostrating oneself before him. In the Sept. it means to bow down, to prostrate oneself in reverence, homage ([Gen 19:1; 48:12](#)).

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I didn't see anyone throw kisses or fall down on his face today. Did you throw kisses to God this week? The Father seeketh such to worship him.

Worship is so much a part of our lives yet we don't know what it is.

If worship is throwing kisses to God, when was the last time I biblically worshipped?  
When was the last time I was in a service worshipping God?  
How big a part of my life is worship if I have never done this?

What would cause a reasonable normal human being that is mentally stable to fall down on his face at someone's feet? An overwhelming sense of gratitude is what would cause someone to fall on their face in worship.

The Lord showed me the rim of hell, knowing if I crossed that threshold there would be no opportunity to come back. Seeing the consequences of my actions and understanding what Jesus did for me caused me to have overwhelming gratitude.

If you were standing 8,000 feet looking over the edge of a mountain and the guard rail broke and you began to fall to your certain death and someone grabbed you and pulled you back, you would be extremely grateful!

It is a heart motivation not the kiss that God is looking for. You came close to damnation and Jesus pulled you back, that motivates you to kiss his feet!  
I enter God's presence and I am at the feet of my deliverer and my God and I acknowledge that gratefulness that he pulled me back from falling in the pit.

My God has set me free and delivered me!

John 4:22-23

**22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.**

What = who (who we worship)

Worship involves knowing. You can't worship God if you don't know who He is.

Know = to have information about, understand how, grasp, recognize, recollect, recall, respect, honor, merit, perceive, be acquainted with personally.

You can't worship without grasping and experiencing Him!

The word prepares you to effectively worship. Worship doesn't prepare you for the word!

You can't fall down and kiss unless you know your wicked end!

True worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. If there are true worshippers that means there are fake worshippers too.

True = real, genuine, can't lie

Genuine = actually having the qualities or character, not adulterated or cheapened. Someone who really has the knowing, the heart experience of who God is and what he has done for them.