

We need to know that worship is NOT singing. Singing becomes worship as we use it to give honor and respect and glory to God. Singing then is only a part of our worship. Bowing ourselves to God by studying His Word is another part of our worship. How often do we hear the person who teaches us God's Word referred to as a worship leader? As they show us how to study God's truths they certainly are leading us in our worship...

### ***Elements of worship;***

***Gen. 22:7*** And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

***John 4:21-24*** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Just like Abraham's worship, in Gen 22:7, had the elements of fire, wood, and the lamb; Jesus tells us, in John 4, the elements of true worship are spirit, truth, and the worshipper.

<i>Genesis</i>	<i>John</i>
Fire	Spirit = (Pnuema) Holy Ghost, spirit of God, spirit of truth...
Wood	Truth = reality, fact, certainly...
Lamb	Worshipper = God's foremost creation... YOU!

***1 John 4:13*** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Because we are in Him, we can function in true worship... as the lamb in perfect submission to God our father.

# Worship

STRONGS concordance:

**7812** **שָׁחָה** [ *shachah* / shaw·**khaw**/ ] . A primitive root; occurrences; translates as “worship” 99 times, “bow” 31 times, “bow down” 18 times, “obeisance” nine times, “reverence” five times, “fall down” three times, “themselves” twice, “stoop” once, “crouch” once, and translated miscellaneously three times. **1 to bow down**. 1A ( Qal ) to bow down. 1B ( Hiphil ) to depress (fig). 1C ( Hithpael ). 1c1 to bow down, prostrate oneself. 1c1A before superior in homage. 1c1B before God in worship. 1c1c before false gods. 1c1D before angel.

**4352** **שָׁחָה** [ *proskuneo* / pros·koo·**neh**·o / ] (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master’s hand); ; 60 occurrences; translates as “worship” 60 times. **1 to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence**. **2 among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence**. **3 in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication**. 3A used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank. 3A1 to the Jewish high priests. 3A2 to God. 3A3 to Christ. 3A4 to heavenly beings. 3A5 to demons.

## ***First mention;***

***Gen. 22:5*** *And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and **worship**, and come again to you.*

Worship is not only a physical bowing down of our bodies, but also a bowing of our will and desires to His will and desire.

Abraham knew the goodness and greatness of God and chose to give homage to Him. The emphasis in our worship is not on us, and what we do, but rather on God and what He has done!

***Why do we worship Him??*** Because of who HE IS... almighty, everlasting, omniscient, omnipresent, ... Because of what HE HAS done...saved us, loved us, cleansed us, empowered us, ...

Both for who He is and for what He has done we respect, revere, do homage, ... ***WORSHIP HIM!***

“Worship is human response to a gracious God”  
(Excerpt from *New Bible Dictionary*)