

# The House of Hope WestPointe

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## “THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH”

### 7 Pillars Part 2: Real & Relevant Worship

“To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imaginations by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.” ~ *William Temple*

- To worship is to experience reality, to touch life.
- Worship is to know, to feel, and to experience the resurrected Christ in the community.
- Worship is breaking into the Shekinah of God or being invaded by the Shekinah of God.
- Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father.
- Worship is kindled within us only when the Spirit of God touches our human spirit.

***Shachah*** - Hebrew word meaning to prostrate in homage (reverence to God or devout affection). This term is commonly used to describe bowing in worship or respect to the Almighty God.

***Proskuneo*** - Greek word meaning worship or prostrate, kiss the hand of your master. This word is translated into worship over 60 times in the Bible.

“As a result, we need not be overly concerned with the question of a correct form for worship. The issue of high liturgy or low liturgy, this form or that form is peripheral rather than central. We are encouraged in this perception when we realize that nowhere does the New Testament prescribe a particular form for worship.....When Spirit touches spirit the issue of forms is wholly secondary.” ~ *Bienhome Muivah*

I. The **Person** Whom We Worship

Isaiah 6:1-7

- A. **Jesus** tells us who we are to **worship**.
- B. **Idolatry** doesn't only consist in adoring visible **objects**.
- C. To think **wrongly** about God is to have everything wrong.
- D. To see who the Lord is brings us to **confession**.

Matthew 4:10

“The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.”

~ A. W. Tozer

II. The **Priority** Of Worship

Romans 11:36

- A. In response to the Lord, **worship** must be a **priority** in our lives.
- B. We must love God with our **heart, soul, mind, and strength**.
- C. The divine priority is **worship** first and service second.
- D. Worship is **ministering** to God.
- E. Worship is us giving our **hearts** back to God.

Ezekiel 44:15

III. The **Preparation** For Worship

Acts 16:24-26

- A. We should have a Holy **expectancy** regarding worship.
- B. As we worship we must “practice the **presence** of God.”
- C. When there is Holy expectancy, it can change the **atmosphere** in the room.

IV. The **Primary** Foundation Of Worship

John 4:21-25

- A. **Christ** is alive and **present** among His people.
- B. His **voice** can be heard in our hearts and His **presence** can be known.
- C. There should be no room for the elevation of **private reputations**.

V. The **Paths** Into Worship

- A. **Still** all humanly initiated activity.
- B. **Praise** is another avenue into worship.
- C. **Emotions** need to be brought into the act of worship.
- D. The real question in worship is not, “What will **meet** my **needs**?” but “What kind of worship does **God call for**?”

Hebrews 13:15; I Peter 2:5; 9; Acts 5:41