

Reflection Questions: Do I truly worship God as He intends? How do I do so? Do I know God as He's revealed Himself in Scripture? How can get to know Him better? What attributes of God do I need to study to know Him better so I can worship Him more?

Quotes to Ponder

Like a Master Artist, our God has painted a masterpiece of Himself that helps us to know Him better, understand why and how He responds, gives us glimpses into His majestic plans, and distinguishes Him from the false gods of this world. As we study His work in His Word we will come to know Him better and grow in our love for Him as He is, and this deeper knowledge will result in deeper feelings and deeper worship.

Richard Bargas

What comes into our minds when we think about God, is the most important thing about us. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right, while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate. No religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base — as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God.... Were we able to extract from any man a complete answer to the question, "What comes into your mind when you think about God?" we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man... A right conception of God is basic not only to correct theology, but to practical Christian living as well. There is scarcely an error in doctrine, or a failure in applying Christian ethics — that cannot be traced finally to false and ignoble thoughts about God.

A.W. Tozer

We need to come to the table regularly, when we feel like it and when we don't, for the great danger is that we would forget.... I do not mean that we no longer recall or believe that something happened. Rather, our forgetting is one of no longer living aligned with the reality and wonder of Christ's death & resurrection. We fail to live in the light of this ancient event. So easily through neglect the cross and the resurrection no longer penetrate our present, enabling us to live in the light of the gospel.

Gordon Smith



Theology Proper

*Sermon
Notes*

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1. Worship is Theological

- A. Holy
- B. Sovereign
- C. Eternal
- D. Creator
- E. Deeds

2. Worship is Practical

- A. Purity
- B. Humility
- C. Surrender
- D. Praise

3. Worship is Personal

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What do we learn of God in the following prayers?

Daniel 9:4-19 —

Ephesians 1:15-23 —

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 —

3. Read *Psalm 113: 5-6*. What is an appropriate response to this question? Why?

4. Do you believe God exists? Why?

Can you prove His existence? Explain.

5. What would you like to understand about God more clearly? How can this be done?

6. Does God seek out a relationship with man or is He a God who waits for man to seek Him? Explain using Scripture.

7. Write a brief description of what God is like using the formula: God is

_____. This means He _____

8. If God could change for the better, what would that mean?

9. If God could change His purposes or plans for humanity, how would that impact the way you read the Bible?

10. If God could decide not to fulfill His promises, how would that change your proclamation of the gospel?

11. What do the following verses say we should worship God for?

Psalm 30:9 —

Psalm 106:2 —

Psalm 96:3 —

Psalm 117:2 —

Psalm 101:1 —

Psalm 135:3 —

Psalm 106:1 —

Psalm 150:2 —

What else should we praise God for?

12. Why do we worship God better as we know Him more?

13. Doctrine in the New Testament often leads to doxologies, such as in Romans 11:33-36. Can you think of others? What are they?