



Shofar Christian Church

# WORSHIP

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# I. DEFINING WORSHIP

What does the word “Worship” mean to  
you?

“the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity”

“To express in attitude and action one’s complete dependency or submission to a higher authority figure”

Old English:

Worship ---> Worth-ship

When you ascribe worth to something or someone.

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the  
earth,  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

*Isaiah 43:6-7*

“<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”

*Genesis 1:26*



*"You simply follow the trail of your time, your affection, your energy, your money, and your allegiance. At the end of that trail you'll find a throne; and what ever, or whoever, is on that throne is what's of highest value to you. On that throne is what you worship"*

*Louie Giglio(The air I breathe)*

*“If you believe what you like in the Gospel,  
and reject what you don't like, it is not the  
Gospel you believe, but yourself.”*

*Augustine*

*“Not only are we all in process of becoming; we are becoming what we love. We are to a large degree the sum of our loves and we will of moral necessity grow into the image of what we love most; for love...changes and molds and shapes and transforms...Loving wrong objects is fatal to spiritual growth; it twists and deforms the life and makes impossible the appearing of the image of Christ in the soul. It is only as we love right objects that we become right and only as we go on loving them that we continue to experience a slow, but continuous transmutation toward the objects of our purified affection.”*

*AW TOZER*

## II. WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

- Worship is not about us

*<sup>2</sup> Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*Psalm 29:2*

*<sup>29</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

*1 Chronicles 16:29*

- Worship is not a performance or entertainment

We are all PARTICIPANTS

- It's not confined to one place

- Its not just singing but a matter of the heart

<sup>8</sup> ““These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>9</sup> They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.

*Matthew 15:8-9*

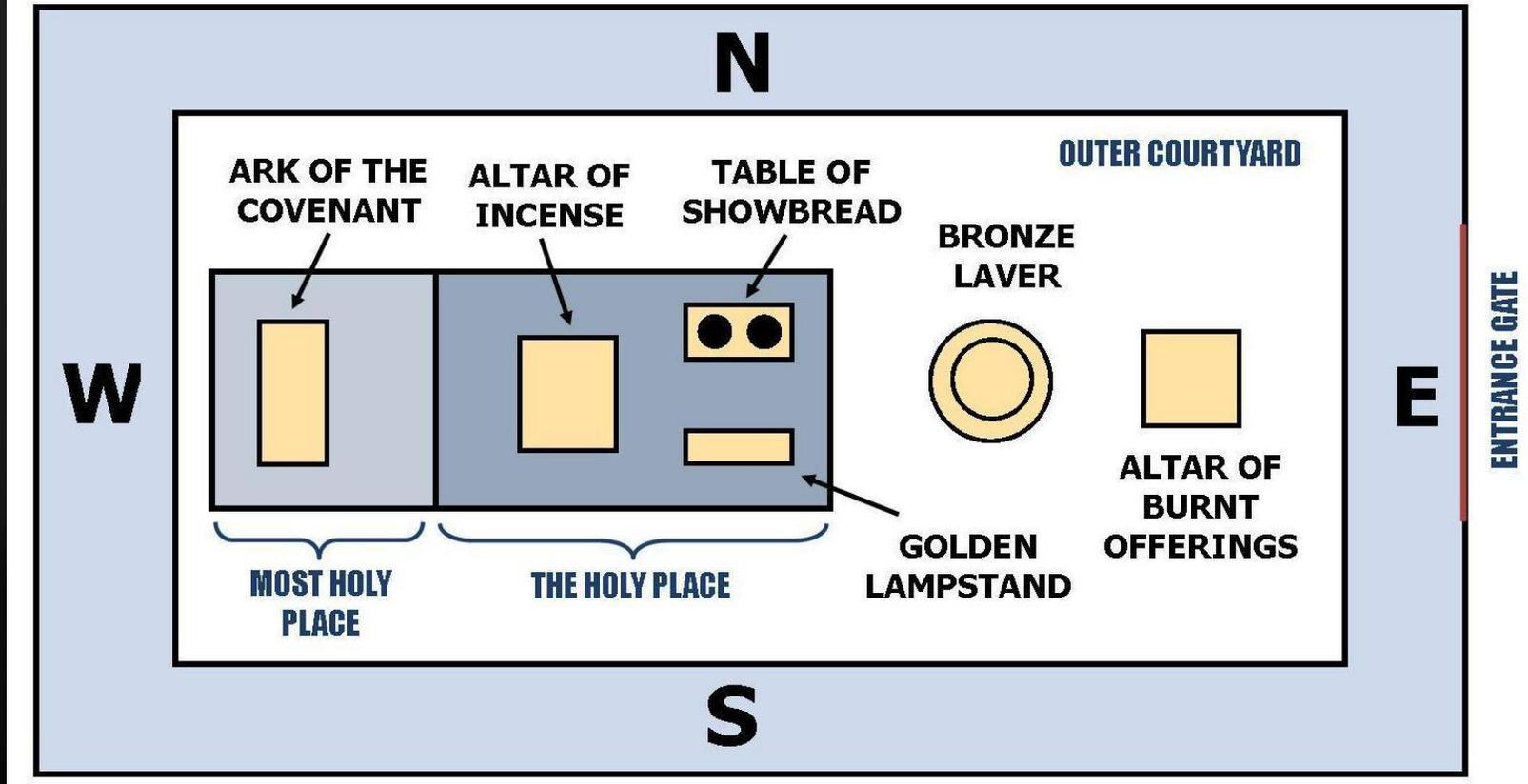
- Worship is not confined to one day in a week

### III - WHAT DOES WORSHIP LOOK LIKE?

- Old testament – At a specific place bringing offerings

# TABERNACLE OF MOSES

## THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES (EXODUS 35-40)





TABERNACLE OF DAVID	TABERNACLE OF MOSES
SINGERS AND SINGING	NONE (A few cases)
INSTRUMENTS	NONE
LEVITES MINISTER BEFORE THE ARK	HIGH PRIEST ONLY
CLAPPING	NONE
SHOUTING	NONE
DANCING	NONE
LIFTING OF HANDS	NONE

- New testament – Jesus tells us in John 4

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

John 4:7-24

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:7-24

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

John 4:7-

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4:7-24

*<sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

John 7:38-39

**SHACHAH** - means “to bow down or to stoop in reverence of”

**PROSKUNEO** – “To kiss – towards”

- Worship begins with a deep reverence for God
- An attitude
- An "expression" of worship is an act proceeding from the result of that attitude.

Both ATTITUDE and ACTION  
Both INTERNAL and EXTERNAL  
Both HEART and BODY

***12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

Romans 12:1

- Not Only Intellectual engagement with biblical truths
- Not Only an inner emotional response
- Not Only an external expression
- BUT all

*“Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole  
being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.”*

*Psalm 16:9*

*“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God  
with loud songs of joy!”*

*Psalm 47:1*

## Hebrew words for “Praise”

- **YADAH**
- **TOWDAH**
- **HALAL**
- **SHABACH**
- **BARAK**
- **ZAMAR**
- **TEHILLAH**

*24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.*

*Acts 16:24-26*

*<sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”*

*<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.*

*Genesis 22:2-5*

*<sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”*

*Genesis 22:2-5*

*“<sup>45</sup> I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. <sup>46</sup> And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.”*

*Exodus 29:45-46*

*<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’*

*Mark 12:28-30*

*HEART*  
*SOUL*  
*MIND*  
*STRENGTH*            *WHOLE PERSON*

- *HEART (emotion, will and deepest convictions)*
- *SOUL (Whole being, life, spirit GOD BREATHED)*
- *MIND (Reason, intellect)*
- *STRENGTH (Might, energy, ability)*