

Humble! Humble!

Jesus knew full well the definition of the words that were used. He knew that worshipping Satan would make Him a lesser being than the devil.

What unimaginable horror... even just the thought of Jesus "licking the hand of the devil"!

Praise God! Jesus was not about to have any part in that!

What unimaginable bliss and security! The thought that we are allowed to worship Jesus! He is the most loving Master.

An Amazing Deal!

We get to participate in a truly incredible exchange.

We worship Jesus like a dog licking the Master's hand... and Jesus treats us like royalty! Because of Him, we are adopted into God's family and have been made heirs of the riches of God alongside of Jesus!

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:6)

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs

*of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."
(Romans 8:16-17)*

True Worshippers

Ponder upon the definitions of "worship" and "serve". Pray for God to reveal the depths of being a true worshipper and servant. Study the topics of "worship" and "serving" in the Bible.

*"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."
(John 4:23)*



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"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:8-10)

Worship! This is a message about worship. So you might ask, "Why is the title about Serving?"

HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE!

The reason the title is about serving is because Jesus made it clear that you **cannot** worship without serving. Take a moment and re-read the passage of Scripture previously quoted.

These verses are taken from Matthew's Gospel and records the events of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by the devil. This is when Satan tells Jesus to worship him and that he would give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world.

Take note: The devil did **NOT** ask Jesus to **SERVE** him. The devil only requested that Jesus **WORSHIP** him.

However, Jesus knew that **worship** and **service** were inseparable. In defense against this temptation, Jesus quoted the Bible to Satan and said...

"...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

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## **Thou shalt Worship the Lord**

The Greek word used in this verse that is translated as "worship" is the word "**proskuneo**". In the Strong's Concordance it is G4352, and is defined as...

"...meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand; to fawn or crouch to, i.e.

(literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage..."

**WOW!** Our English translations of some of the Bible words do not do them justice.

True worship requires an intense humbling of yourself. True worship is likened to the adoration a dog gives to its master as it licks the master's hand. True worship is to prostrate yourself and humbly honor the Master.

Do we adore Jesus with adoration similar to that of a dog licking its master's hand?

## **Are we true worshippers?**

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Him only shalt thou Serve

Again, we will look to the original language and review the definition of "serve".

The Greek word for "serve" in this verse is "**latreuo**". It is G3000 in the Strong's Concordance. This word is defined as...

"from latris (a hired menial); to minister (to God), i.e. render religious homage..."

Similar to the word for "worship", it is glaringly evident that to "serve" requires intense humility. To worship or serve God in any manner other than from a place of

lowliness and desperation is not true worship.

When we serve God, do we consider ourselves as a menial (unskilled tedious) laborer? Or do we look at ourselves "higher than we ought", as though by serving God, we are doing Him a favor?

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**" (John 15:5)*

After all, we are useless without Jesus. He said that without Him we cannot do anything!

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## **Worship and Serving**

As Jesus understood, worship and service cannot be separated. True worship will always include humble service.

However, our closer look at the words used, has shown us another valuable truth.

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