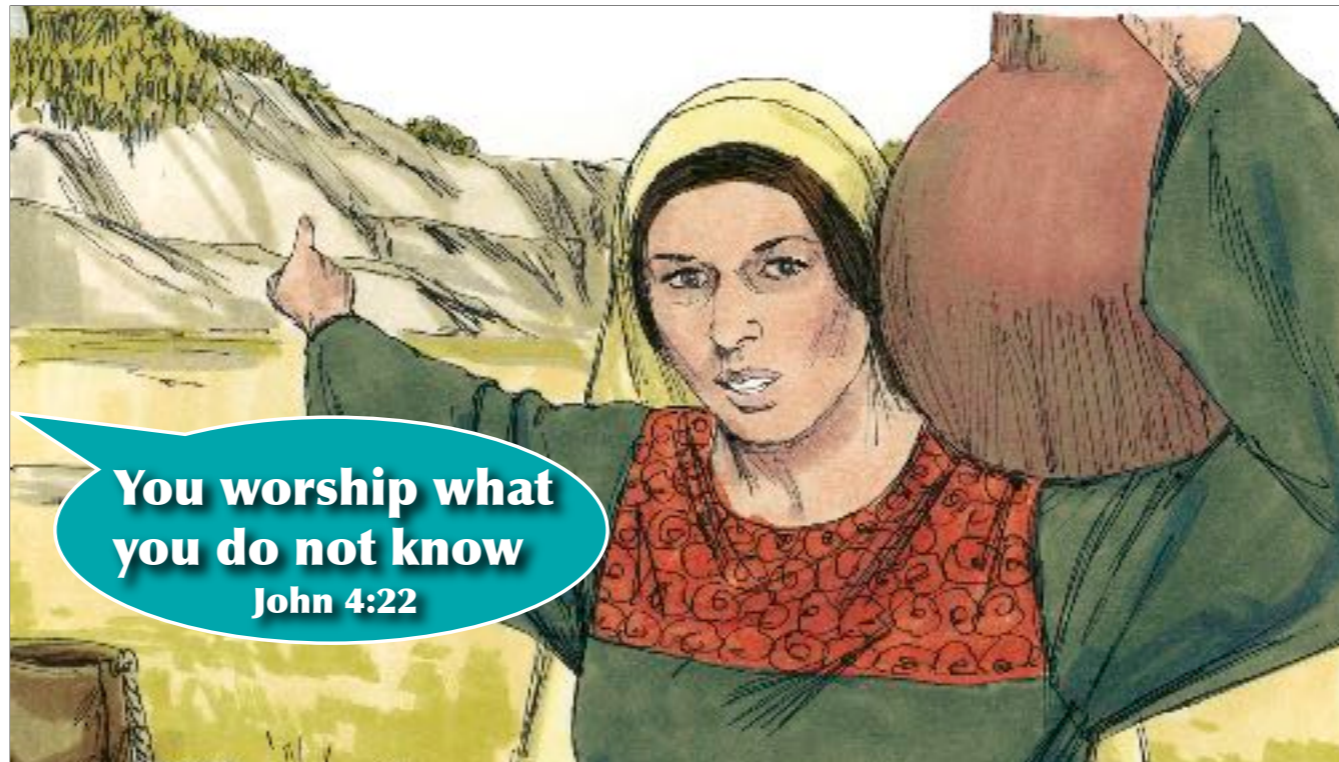


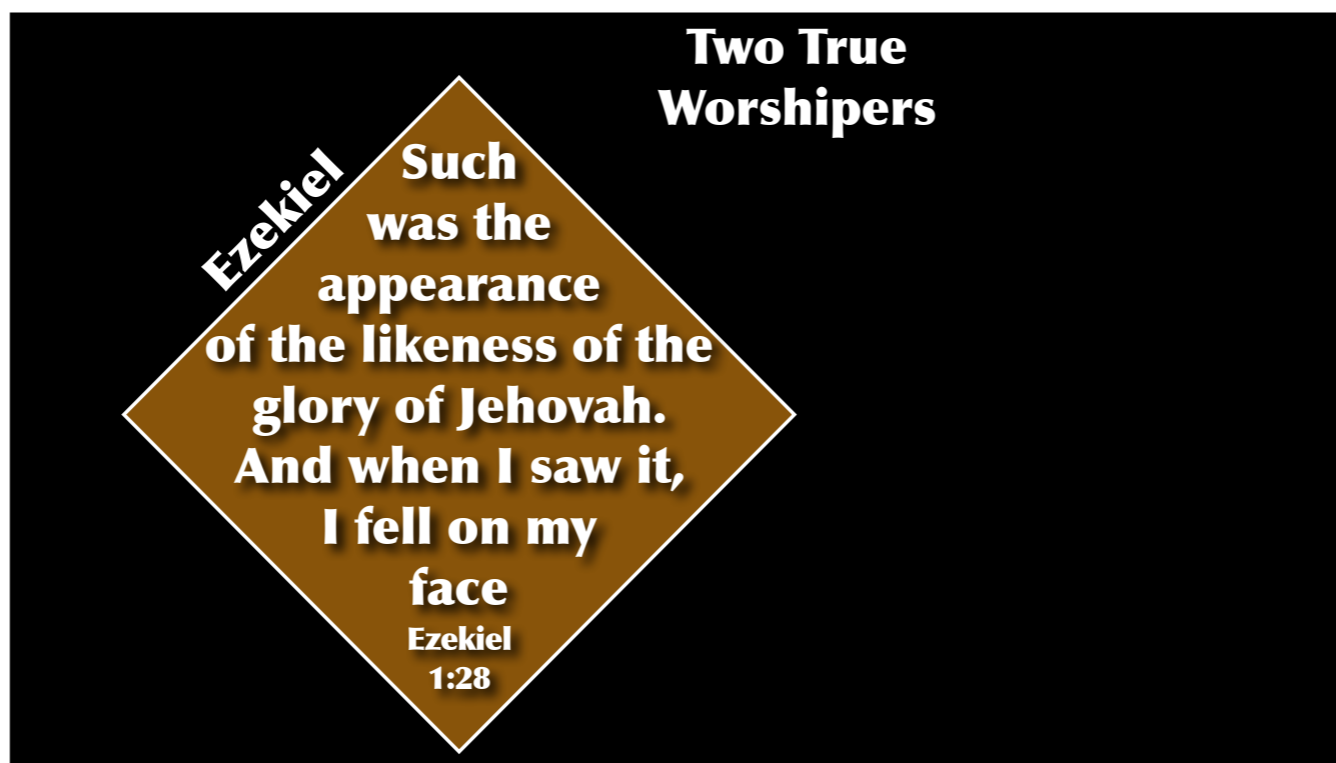
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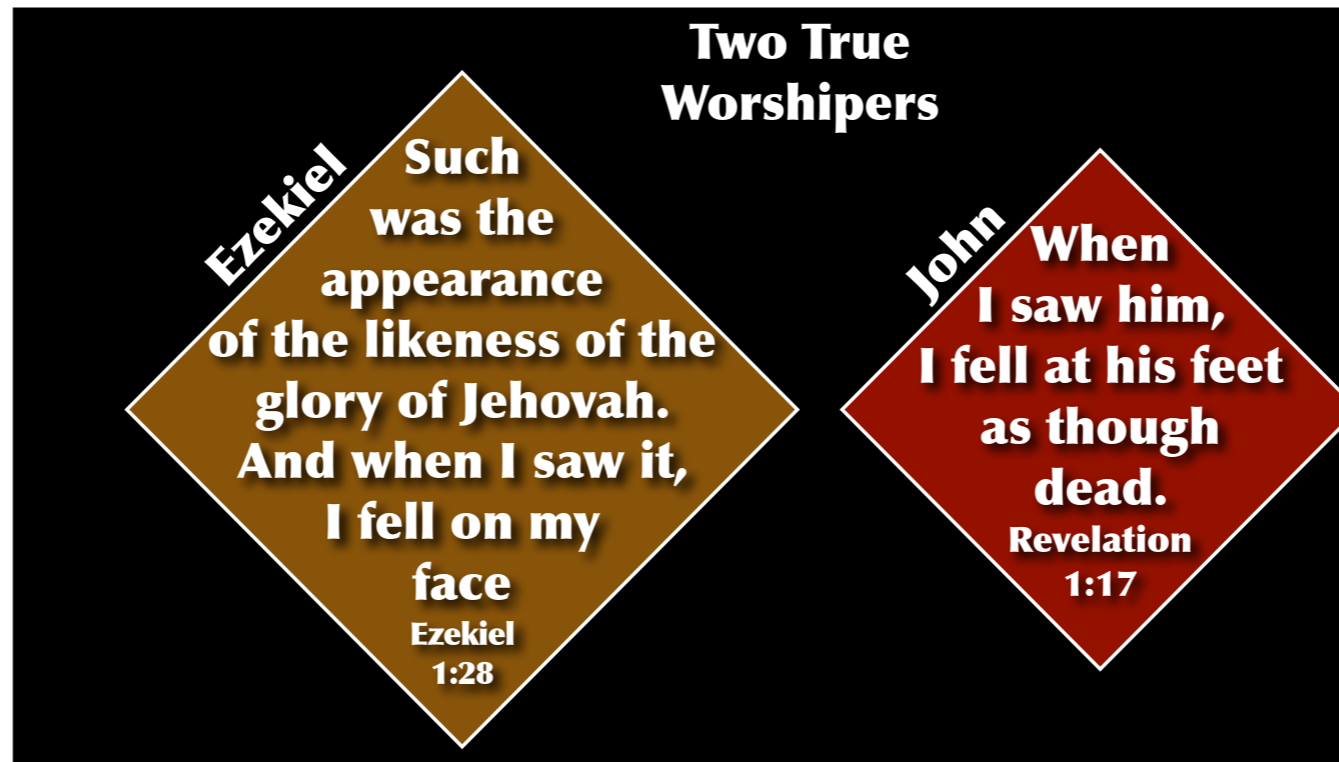
- John 4:19-24 (ESV) 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



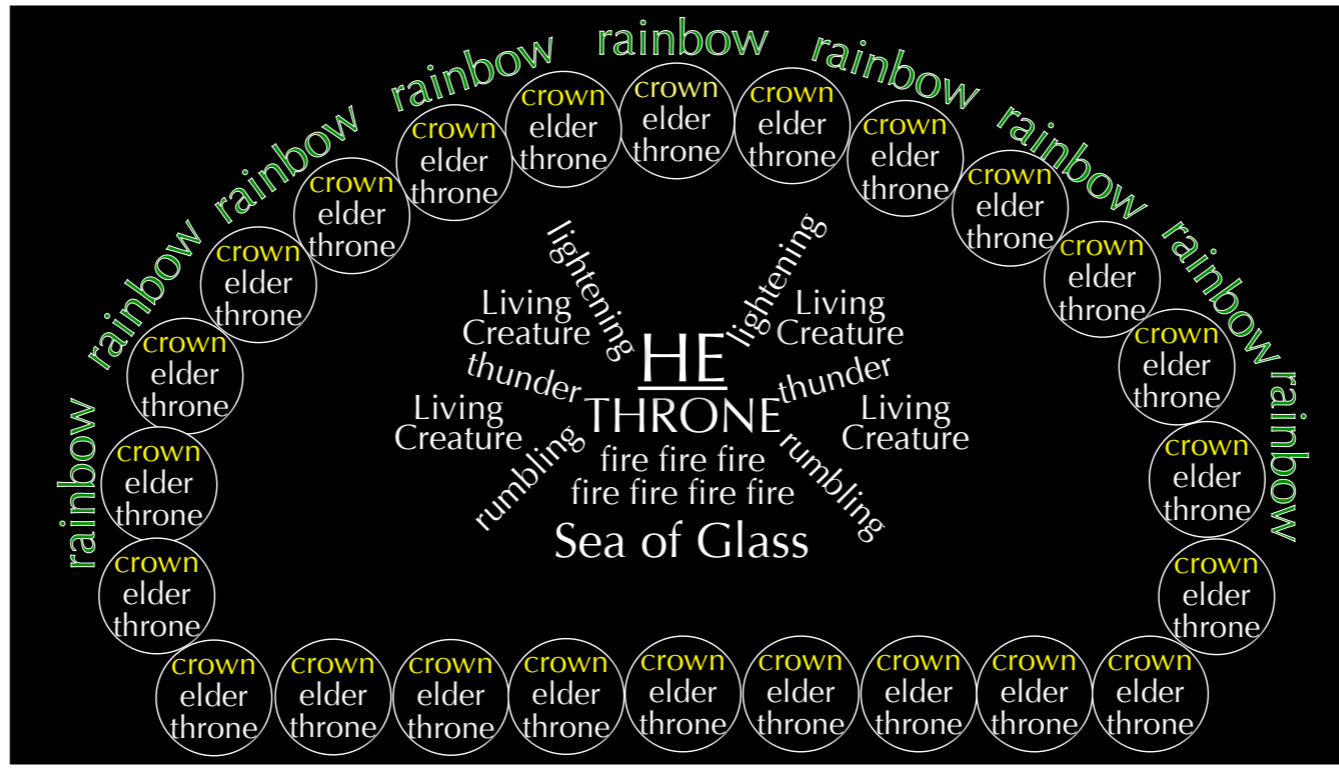
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- Common situation: don't know who you worship
 - Cultural heroes, dismayed when they do something wrong
 - Christians too: not just denominations, us
 - Fail to understand him as he has revealed himself to us
 - Immaturity in our faith:
 - only know what we learned as a child
 - accept what others have said
 - Swayed by the thoughts and ideas of the world
- If we don't know Him, how can we be true worshipers?

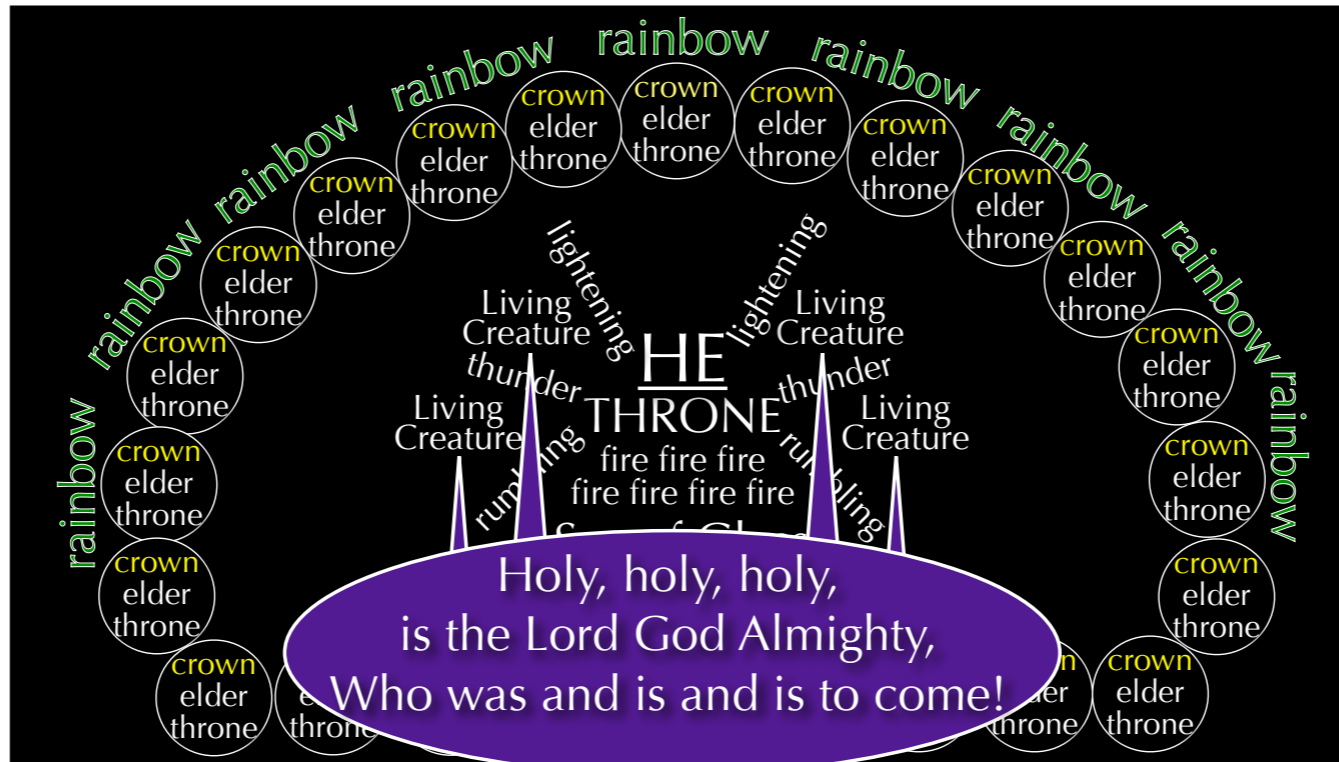


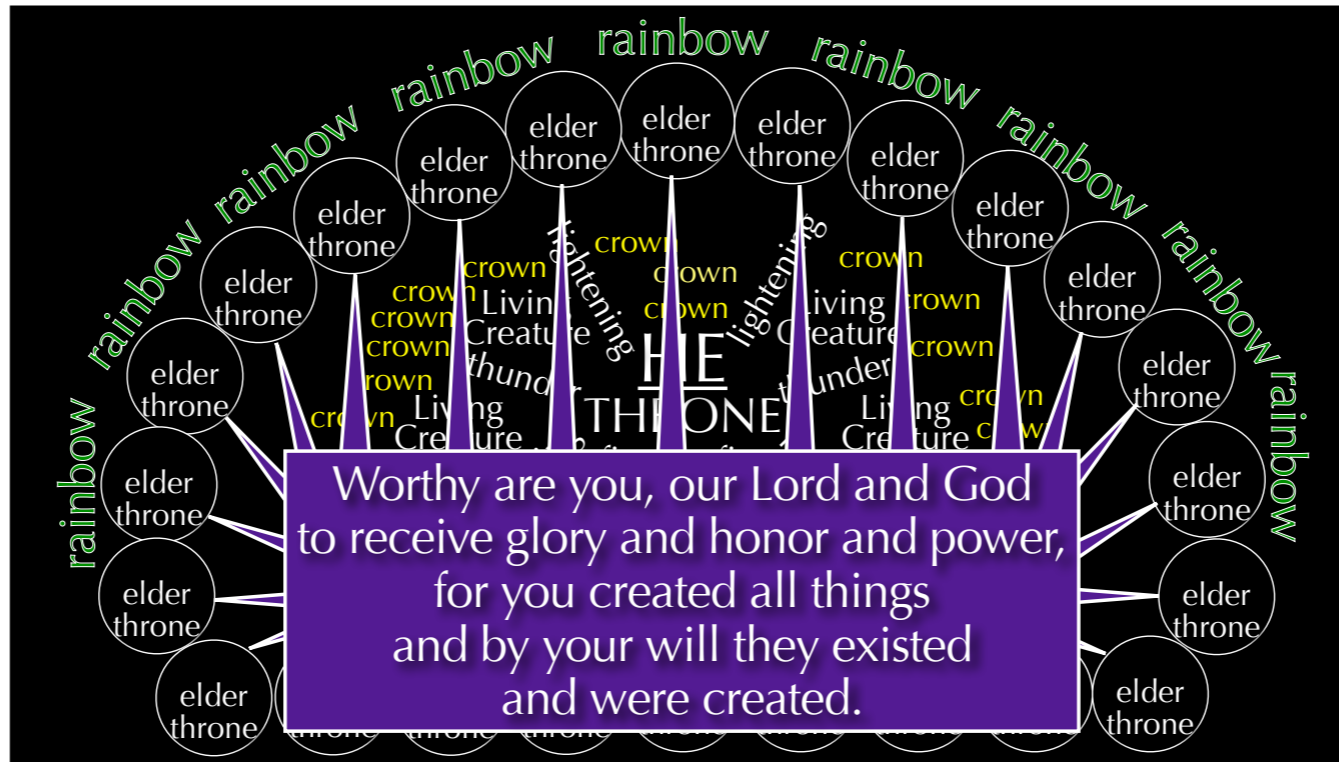
- Ezekiel 1:26-28: 26 And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. 27 And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. 28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.



- Revelation 1:12-17: Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
- 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,
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to receive glory and honor and power,
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Worshiping the One

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 - 24 elders
 - 4 living creatures
- Psalms 99 (ESV)
 - 1 Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
 - 2 Jehovah is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
 - 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
 - 4 The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;
 - you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
 - 5 Exalt Jehovah our God; worship at his footstool!
 - Holy is he!
 - 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
 - Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
 - They called to Jehovah, and he answered them.
 - 7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
 - they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.
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Worshiping the One

HOLY

- Holy
 - CWSB: 40.
 - any matter of religious awe, expiation, sacrifice.
 - Holy, set apart, sanctified, consecrated, saint.
 - It has a common root, hág-, with hagnós (G0053), chaste, pure.
 - Its fundamental idea is separation, consecration, devotion to the service of Deity, sharing in God's purity and abstaining from earth's defilement.
 - Holy, hallowed, worthy of reverence and veneration
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Worshiping the One

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

- Lord God Almighty

- Isaiah 45:5-7 (ESV) 5 I am Jehovah, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am Jehovah, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am Jehovah, who does all these things.
- Malachi 1:11 (ESV) 11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says Jehovah of hosts.
- Psalms 86:8-10 (ESV) 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
- Psalms 89:5-18 (ESV) 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Jehovah, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! 6 For who in the skies can be compared to Jehovah? Who among the heavenly beings is like Jehovah, 7 a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? 8 O Jehovah God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Jehovah, with your faithfulness all around you? 9 You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. 10 You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. 11 The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. 12 The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. 13 You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. 15 Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Jehovah, in the light of your face, 16 who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. 17 For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. 18 For our shield belongs to Jehovah, our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- Psalms 113 (ESV) 1 Praise Jehovah! Praise, O servants of Jehovah, praise the name of Jehovah! 2 Blessed be the name of Jehovah from this time forth and forevermore! 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of Jehovah is to be praised! 4 Jehovah is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! 5 Who is like Jehovah our God, who is seated on high, 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? 7 He raises the poor from the dust and

lifts the needy from the ash heap, 8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. 9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise Jehovah!

Worshiping the One

ETERNAL

- Psalms 102:25-28 (ESV) 25 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, 27 but you are the same, and your years have no end. 28 **The children of your servants shall dwell secure**; their offspring shall be established before you.
- When men of science now talk about the age of the earth and the age of the heavens, they speak of it in billions of years: 4.5 billion for the earth; 14 billion for the universe, end in 5 billion years
 - Not agreeing with those numbers ... but they understand that these things are incredibly old
 - The idea that there is one who has existed before these things, who created these things, and will continue beyond these things is astonishing (whatever the age that is claimed!)

Worshiping the One

CREATOR

- Psalms 33:8-9 (ESV) 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- Humanism/Evolution: You happened by chance and exist by chance
- Reincarnation: You've always existed because you are part of the absolute.
- Bible: You were created by God and exist by his will

Worshiping the One



- Will

- Psalms 104:14-15 (ESV) 14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth 15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.
- Psalms 104:22-23 (ESV) 22 When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. 23 Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.
- Psalms 104:24 (ESV) 24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- Psalms 104:27-30 (ESV) 27 These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. 28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

Worshiping the One

WORTHY

- Worthy
 - Thayer: g0514. ἄξιος axios; probably from 71; deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise): — due reward, meet, (un-)worthy.
 - weighing, having weight, having the weight of another thing of like value, worth as much
 - befitting, congruous, corresponding to a thing
 - of one who has merited anything worthy; both in a good and a bad sense
 - MED: axios often carries the meaning of “deserving” something.
- Psalms 145:1-7 (ESV) 1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. 6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.



- Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””
 - Deuteronomy 6:13 (ESV) 13 It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.
 - 1 Samuel 7:3 (ESV) 3 And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.”



- Holy, Holy, Holy - #1: vs. 1, 2, 4



Worshippers of the One

- Worshipers of the One Seated on the Throne
 - Astonished to see those who are in heaven with Father worship him
 - Still understand that he is worthy and awe inspiring
- What can we learn from them?

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to Jehovah; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For Jehovah is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
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For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
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- Around the Throne

- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV) 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- Psalms 84:1-2 (ESV) 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Jehovah of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of Jehovah; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- Psalms 84:4 (ESV) Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah
- Psalms 84:10 (ESV) 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- Psalms 23:6 (ESV) and I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.



- Constantly Worshiping

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- Humble Themselves

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- 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
 - Exalt
- Glory
 - God's Majesty
- Honor
 - God's Character
- Thanks
 - God's Blessings
- Power
 - God's Creation and Care
- Worshipers of God are not mindlessly repeating trite phrases
 - Thinking of our Father's position, character, action and work for us.



- HFW SS #21: On Bended Knee I Come (vs. 1, 2)

Am I a True Worshiper?

- Am I a true worshiper of the Father?
 - “in spirit and in truth”:
 - But do we say this much too accommodatively, as if everyone just knows what it means
 - Challenge yourself today
- Am I focused on God?
 - Character that is not just different, but greater than mine
 - Power and Will: Creation
 - Awe at the majesty of God
 - Exalt Him

Am I a True Worshiper?

- Am I humbling myself before Him constantly
 - Falling down
 - Casting my crown
 - Appreciation for He has done for me
- This is clearly not just about when the church comes together.
 - Worship is constant in my life.
 - Praise, prayer, song
 - spontaneity: do you find yourself just singing a hymn, offering a prayer
 - God is not just a few moments during the day
 - God is worshiped not only with my lips, but heart, soul, mind

Am I a True Worshiper?

- Amazed by God
 - Who He is
 - What He does
 - Can one worship God without being amazed?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Worthy Are You

Revelation 4.8, 11

Synopsis: The Elders and the Four Living Creatures help us remember to worship the one who sits on the throne and show us what it means to worship him in meaningful ways. Am I a true worshiper of my Father.

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