

## Come Before His Presence

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Exodus 25:1-9

#### Discussion Questions

1. Consider the statement, “You can worship God in any way you want as long as you are sincere.” Is this true or false? Discuss.
2. What is worship as far as God is concerned? Read Exodus 25:1-9. Exodus tells us the story of God’s deliverance of His people after 400 years of slavery. In this passage we see three principles of worship that describes what is acceptable to God:
  - a. *Worship is our response to God’s invitation (v. 1-2, 8).* Throughout the Bible we see God reaching out to people first. He sought out Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He made His presence known to the Israelites. God’s characteristic from the very beginning is that He wanted to be with His people. How has God reached out to you, and how have you responded to His invitation to spend time with Him? What kind of present have you brought before Him? Do you think He will find it acceptable?
  - b. *Worship is our obedience to God’s command (v. 8-9).* God tells Moses to make a sanctuary where He will dwell with His people, then proceeds to give Moses detailed specifications for the tabernacle and its furnishings. God spent 15 chapters detailing how he wants to be worshipped, and the people did it according to His command. Looking at a model of the Tabernacle, we can see that everything points to Jesus Christ, from the single door to the Holy of Holies. When you come to worship God, do you do so with an understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for you? If so, have you worshiped God correctly in following His command to publicly proclaim your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior through baptism? If you have, do you confine your worship only at a certain place and time (i.e. in church), or do you look for opportunities in your daily life to

serve Him in obedience? Share and discuss how you can develop a lifestyle of worship even outside church.

- c. *Worship is a reflection of God’s character (v. 3-7).* From those who would willingly offer, God told Moses to take specific materials out of which the Tabernacle will be built. These are materials of the best quality and great value—a manifestation of the glories of God. Your offering should be a revelation of God’s character. What you give to God is representative of how you view Him, and it’s not just in tithing, but also in the giving of your time and commitment. What have you offered to God this week, and what does that offering say of God?

### Walk

We tend to equate coming to church as worshiping, but it’s not the question of “Did you worship or not?” The question you should ask is, “Did you worship God the right way or not?” When we come to worship, we are actually attending God’s “event,” where He is both our host and our guest of honor. He invited us to attend, and He gave us the details for what to bring: a willing response to His invitation, obedience to His revealed will and commands, and an offering that reflects His glory. So, Christian, did you worship the right way or not? What changes should you make in your life so that you can worship God the right way, both corporately (with other believers) and personally (in daily living)?

### Worship & Prayer

*Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy.  
Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.  
Holy, You are Holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are Holy,  
Holy, You are Holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.  
Jesus, You are Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are Jesus.  
Jesus, You are Jesus, King of Kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.  
Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy.  
Worthy, you are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.  
King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.*

*Father, forgive me for the way I’ve been worshiping You. I’ve been so caught up on my own version of how to do it that I’ve not made an effort to find out Your preference. I believe that You are worthy of the best kind of worship I can offer, and I pray that starting today, my life would be an acceptable worship to You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*