

Biblical Principles of Worship – Part 2 of 5 “God Alone Is To Be Worshiped”

Last month began a five-part series of the “Biblical Principles of Worship.” Part One discussed the Biblical principle that God desires worship. Part Two will discuss that God alone is to be worshiped. We will discover that the Bible is very clear in establishing this fact.

Satan tempted Jesus with the gift of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would simply bow to Satan and worship him. Jesus’ response is recorded in Matthew and reinforces the Word of God found in Deuteronomy 6:13.

Matthew 4:10

¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" NIV*

The essence of the first two commandments in the Decalogue puts the exclamation point on the Biblical principle of God alone is to be worshiped.

Exodus 20:3ff

³ *"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...*

These are the words of the triune God himself! Remember, God doesn’t say things because they are right; they are right because He said it! Therefore the only true and acceptable worship is worship directed to Him and Him alone. No matter how decorative or impressive the ceremony is, it is not true worship if it is not directed toward Him.

We now have discussed two of the five “Biblical Principles of Worship” – “God Desires Worship” and “God Alone Is To Be Worshiped.” Next month we will discuss how the worship of God is a mark of saving faith. Stay tuned ... to God and to this newsletter.

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