

Why Do We Worship?

(Psalm 50:7-15)

- Introduction:
1. The following quotes may make you uncomfortable, but they are charges that unbelievers bring against God.
 - a. "God as an egotistical or even insecure tyrant who insists that everyone tell him how great he is."
 - b. "I cannot accept a God who is so infatuated with Himself that He makes a whole universe just to praise and worship him! How self-centered can you get?! The Christian religion says in one of its creeds that the "chief goal of man is to glorify God"--why is God such a glory-hog? I cannot respect a God that creates a race of people just to grovel before Him, and to constantly fill his ears with sycophantic (and threat-induced!) praise! This looks more like an insecure individual, with a horrible Napoleonic complex!"
 - c. "God has a colossal ego problem which causes him to demand our flattery, satisfy his vanity, require our gifts to feed his pride, and to bind arbitrary whims to build up his sense of power."
 2. Surely we would disagree with the above notions, but why do we worship?
 3. I want to propose that at least one reason we worship is not that God needs it, but we need it (Psalm 50:7-15).

I. We Worship Because It Is Right

- A. (Malachi 1:6).
- B. (Psalm 89:14).

II. We Worship Because It Leads To Reform

- A. (Ephesians 5:1).
- B. (Romans 8:29).

III. We Worship Because It Develops Relationship

- A. "Rules without Relationship Result in Rebellion."
- B. We need relationship to take advantage of the blessings God can have in store for us (Hebrews 7:25).

- Conclusion:
1. It's not that God needs worship; rather we are the ones who need worship.
 2. While worship is right and due, it also helps us develop and become more God-like and more fit for eternity.