

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, 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. God is a God of righteousness
- B. (Psalm 89:14) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- C. Why do parents teach children to respect their elders and to say, "please" and "thank you?"
- D. (Malachi 1:6).

II. We Worship Because It Leads To Reform

- A. (Ephesians 5:1) We are to imitate God.
- B. (Romans 8:29) We are to be conformed to the image of Jesus.
- C. The more you're with a person, the more you become like them.
- D. (1 Corinthians 15:33) Evil company corrupts good morals.

III. We Worship Because It Develops Relationship

- A. "Rules without Relationship Result in Rebellion."
- B. We need relationship with God to empower us to deny ourselves of the pleasures of this world and to seek what is right.

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