



PRAISE & PRAY

THE WORTHY JESUS

EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF CHRIST'S WORTHINESS

Our word *worship* is derived from the Old English word *weorthscipe*, which means “to ascribe worth, to pay homage, to reverence or to venerate.” Worship focuses on the importance of worth or worthiness. In ancient times *weorthscipe* literally meant “worthness.”

Nathan Bierma, of Calvin Theological Seminary, explains:

The root word of “worship” can also help remind us of what worship is meant to be. Worship, or “worth-ship,” is an act of affirming God’s worth—not boosting God’s self-esteem, not mere deference of flattery, and not appeasement...but worship is, fundamentally, a declaration that God is worthy.

SCRIPTURE:

We see a picture of this kind of worship in Revelation 5, when the elders and living creatures, holding harps for worship and golden bowls full of the prayers of the saints, come before the throne of God saying, “*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!*” (Revelation 5:12 NIV).

A chapter earlier in Christ’s revelation to John, the apostle writes, “*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being*” (Revelation 4:11 NIV).

¹ *Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.* ² *He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house.* ³ *Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.*
(Hebrews 3:1-3)

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Worthy Jesus, Lamb of God! Lord, You are worthy of all my honor and praise. You are worthy of being worshiped night and day. You are worthy of my living sacrifices. Jesus, I focus my heart and mind on Your worthiness today. I am overwhelmed by all you are and all you have done. I am overcome by the desire to worship you. I long to give you everything, Jesus. I pray that my life will reflect my deep and thorough belief in your worthiness. May every part of me be ordered around you. I submit everything to you in reverence, Lord Jesus. Amen.

GLORIFY HIS NAME

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. (Psalm 69:30 NIV)

Not a God Far Off	Jeremiah 23:23 MSG
Ocean-Pourer	Psalm 65:6 MSG
Offering, An	Ephesians 5:2 NKJV
Offering for Sin, An	Isaiah 53:10 MSG
Ointment Poured Forth	Song of Solomon 1:3 NKJV
One and Only, The	Psalm 62:1 MSG
One and Only God of Wonders	Psalm 72:18 TPT
One and Only God Who Delivers, The	Hosea 13:4 MSG
One and Only High God on Earth, The	Psalm 83:18 MSG
One and Only Son	John 3:16 NLT
One Comforting You, the	Isaiah 51:12 NLT
One Enthroned in Heaven	Psalm 2:4 NIV
One for Whom We Wait, The	Jeremiah 14:22 MSG
One from East to West, The	Psalm 75:6 MSG
One I Love, The	Song of Solomon 3:2 NKJV
One Living Forever and Ever, The	Revelation 10:6 MSG
One My Heart Loves	Song of Solomon 3:2 NIV
One-of-a-Kind God-Expression	John 1:18 MSG
One-of-a-Kind Son of God, The	John 3:18 MSG
One of Glory, The	Zechariah 2:8 MSG
One Shepherd	John 10:16 NKJV
One Who Answers and Satisfies, The	Hosea 14:8 MSG
One Who Armed You for This Work, The	Isaiah 45:5 MSG
One Who Can Be Trusted	Romans 10:14 MSG
One Who Delivered You from Egypt	Amos 2:10 MSG
One Who Guarantees, The	Hebrews 7:22 NLT
One Who is Appearing	Hebrews 10:37 TPT
One Who Lifts My Head High	Psalm 3:3 NIV