

# Rediscovering Worship According to God

*“But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”  
I Peter 1:15-16*

## Who Defines Acceptable Worship?

- A key consideration is which party, the worshipper or the worshipped, defines what is acceptable worship and what is not.
- Worship is, by its very definition, about honoring its object and not about honoring the worshipper.
  - If a worshipper truly wishes to honor their intended object, they will allow their object to specify how they are to be honored.
  - Otherwise, the worshipper is lifting their own desires above those of their object.
- Therefore, to properly worship God in an acceptable manner to Him we must do so according to His instructions.

## Worship and Divine Revelation

- God reveals His character, actions, and will to man through Revelation, which has two types:
  - General – nature (Psalm 19:1), history (Psalm 75:6-7), conscience (Romans 2:13-15)
  - Special – miracles (Exodus 4:1-5), prophecy, Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2), Scriptures (“thus saith the Lord”, etc.), personal experience (Acts 4:13).
- All His revelation tells us of the greatness of God and His worthiness of worship,
- Scripture is the one form of divine revelation that is the most specific and detailed, and it is the basis on which sound doctrine and practice must be founded - II Timothy 3:16-17
  - Baptist Distinctive – “The Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice.”
- As we continue our study, we will thus rely on the commands found in Scripture and principles founded upon them.
  - Mark 7:7 is a warning against blindly following man’s tradition and not Scripture.

## **Worshipping God Based on Who He Is**

- How we worship God should reflect Him and not us.
- How we worship God should be consistent with His being and attributes.
  - A real and living God demands real and living worship – I Peter 1:14-16
  - A spiritual God demands spiritual worship – John 4:24
  - An eternal God demands never ending worship – Psalm 111:10
  - An omnipresent God demands worship everywhere – Psalm 8:1
  - An omniscient God demands worship that is sincere – Isaiah 29:13
  - A holy God demands worship that is holy – Psalm 99:9
  - A righteous God demands worship that is righteous – Psalm 119:7
  - A true God demands worship that is true – John 4:24
- How we worship God should be consistent with His actions.
  - A God who created all things demands worship in all things – Psalm 148
  - A sovereign God demands worship by obedience to His commands – John 14:23
  - A redeeming God demands worship of our entire selves – Romans 12:1-2