

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CHAPTER I

Topic: WORSHIP

Sub topic 1:1

THE MEANING OF WORSHIP

Qn. What is worship?

Worship is used to mean having a strong feeling of respect and admiration for God.

Or It's the act of showing great honor and homage to God.

Or Worship may also mean going for or attending a religious ceremony.

Note;

- ✓ Christians give more respect and honor to God and other divine things.
- ✓ The things they do to show respect and honor to God is what we term as worship.
- ✓ Worship can be referred to someone important, for example "His Worship the Lord mayor".
- ✓ But in this section, worship is used to mean having a strong feeling of respect and admiration for God or a god.
- ✓ It can also mean to go for a religious ceremony.
- ✓ Worship is also aimed at showing commitment, love, faith, trust and devotion to God.

Why do we worship God?

(Activity 1;2 fountain)

Qn. Generate reasons why we worship god

- We worship God for his work of creation for example the stars, planets etc.
- We worship God for creating us in his image.
- We worship God because we were created to worship him.
- We worship God because He is faithful. (Isaiah 30;18)
- We worship God because He provides for us.
- We worship God because He loves us.
- We worship God because of His unfailing love for us (psalms 13;5)
- We worship God because He has good plans for us. (Jeremiah 29;110)
- We worship God because He is our protector and provider.
- We worship God because He is powerful over any creature on earth.

Forms of worship today

(activity 1:3 fountain)

Qn. Identify the form of worship you know

- Singing;
- Praying.
- Offering to God.
- Playing musical instruments in praising and worshipping God.
- Mediation.
- Fellowshiping.
- Fasting.
- Practicing charity services/ helping the needy.
- Reading the bible scriptures.
- Going for pilgrimages for example those who participate in going to celebrate the Uganda Martyrs.

Note;

- ✓ Different religious groups have got many ways of expressing commitment, trust and love to God.
- ✓ This depends on the religious groups or denominations one belongs to. For example, the Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, Pentecostals, Seventh day Adventists etc.
- ✓ Worship is then conducted by trained officials like Reverends, priests, pastors, bishops etc.

(activity 1:4 fountain)

Qn. Using internet, dictionary, resource books, find the meanings of the forms of worship you have discussed above.

- Prayer

Is simply communicating to God. This depends on one's intension of communicating to God. It can be for thanks, help, repentance, inquiring, forgiveness etc.

- Fasting.

Is essentially giving up food or something else like sex etc. for a period of time in order to focus your thoughts to God.

- Mediation.

Is a form of worship of deliberately focusing on specific thoughts about God or his world and reflecting on their meaning.

➤ Singing.

Is simply communicating to God through playing hypes and singing words of praise to God glorifying him.

➤ Offertory.

This is giving God a present or gift of thanks for his good deeds for example food for the better harvests.

➤ Fellowship.

This is bothering together by the Christians to give praise and worship to God and also share the word of God.

➤ Reading scriptures.

This is taking part in reading the bible and also understanding the bible better. i.e. through bible studies.

➤ Charity services.

This is the generous actions of giving or donations to help the needy, helpless and many more others.

➤ Paying pilgrimage visits.

This is when Christians move to Christian memorial places to pray in memory for their good deeds and also take part in prayers and submissions to God.

The purposes of worship

(Activity 1:5 fountain)

Qn. Mention the benefits the worshipers get through worship from God.

- Worship increases a worshiper's understanding of God.
- Worship helps to build a worshiper's confidence in God.
- Worship also increases one's faith in God.
- God answers our prayers when we do worship.
- Worship makes us bold in God's presence.
- Christians get revelations, knowledge and understanding through worship.
- One becomes close to God when worshipping.
- We become peaceful when we worship God.
- Worship also gives assurance in our lives that is to say the present and our future.
- We get blessings and gifts from God. For example, talents are revealed, a gift of love, peace and faith.

Worshipping God in different circumstances

(Activity 1:6 fountain)

Qn. *Mention any examples of good and difficult times that people go through and do worship God for his kindness and guidance.*

This include;

- Loss of loved ones.
- Failing in examinations.
- Over whelming debts.
- Miscarriages.
- Weddings.
- Winning court cases.
- Passing examinations for the good side of it.
- Winning elections for the politicians.
- Celebrating prosperity and success like in jobs, child birth, good harvests etc.
- War times.
- Times of sickness and many more others.
- Times of divorce for the married couples.
- Times of ordination at most for the religious leaders.

Qn. *Suggest ways in which people should worship God.*

- Through singing and dancing to glorify god's name.
- Giving thanks in form of offertory to God.
- Testifying for the goodness of God to our lives.
- Celebrating important events like Easter days, charismas days etc.
- Praying regularly for God's presence and guidance.
- Taking part in repentance whenever on wrong.
- Taking part in fasting.
- Taking part in sessions like intercessions i.e. interceding for the sick, country etc.
- Also having time reflecting to God.
- Through mediations.

Forms of worship in the bible

(Activity 1:8 fountain)

Qn. *Read the bible and identify the forms of worship in them. Give the importance of the forms of worship you have identified*

<i>Bible text</i>	<i>The form of worship</i>	<i>Importance of the form of worship</i>
Daniel 9;3-6	Praying and fasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ It brings god's intervention.➤ It brings one close to God.

1 Chronicles 13;8	Singing and dancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It's a form of giving thanks to God. ➤ It pleases the worshipers and God.
Psalms 33;1-2	Singing and playing musical instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It's a form of praising god for His goodness and love. ➤ It's enjoyable and refreshing.
Psalms 47;1-9	Singing, clapping, praising God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It brings intimacy between the worshippers and God.
Psalms 100;1-5	Singing and praising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It brings God's attention. ➤ It pleases God.
John 4;24	Worshiping god in spirit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You get to know God. ➤ Get revelation.
1 Thessalonians 5;17	Praying.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brings victory, protection, guidance and confidence.
Hebrews 13;15	Praising, confessing God as lord.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It pleases God and causes him to dress us.
Job 1;18-22	Praying and confessing to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It pleases God whenever we pray to him in times of trouble.

Note;

We come to learn that worship was part of people in the biblical times.

They worshiped God in different forms depending on their situations. Those in happy moments would sing, dance and offer to God thanksgiving sacrifices.

Those in sorrow would cry and fast and repent for God to intervene.

Worship in Exodus 20;1-17

(Activity 1;10 fountain)

Qn. What things should Christians do in order to worship God well.

- Christians are called upon to worship God alone and have other Gods attached.
- Christians are also to obey and keep God's commandments holy.
- Christians are to remember the sabbath day and keep it holy by attending church fellowships so as to praise God.
- Christians are encouraged to honor the elderly and also the young to honor their parents.
- Christians are to have faith and trust in God as the creator of the universe and also giving him honor and praise.

Qn. What things should Christian avoid to do in order to worship God well.

- Christians are argued not to worship other gods other than one God the creator.
- Christians are argued not to bow to any images.
- Christians are argued not to misuse the name of God for false promises.
- Christians are also argued not to murder.

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