Worship

Worship refers to how we live, it can refer to what we do, our spiritual involvement, our spiritual disciplines, and our attitude of thankfulness to God for all he provides and for His help; it is our personal praise to God both with words or singing, and worshipping God with others. Our time of praise together is worship to God and can include singing, playing music, and dancing to God. There are different types of emotions and actions which can be regarded as worship to God such as fearing God, raising our hands in different ways, kneeling, and bowing. The Bible says to let all we do honor God (Col. 3:17). Worship is not limited to religious activities with others.

Worship is only intended for God and we are not to bow down to anyone or anything, but God. We are not to pray to anyone or anything, but God. Exodus 20:3-6:

"You are to have no other gods before me. You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot."

Yeshua said that there will be a time when we will not just worship God in the area of Israel, but "spiritually and truly;" John 4:21-24 CJB. Yeshua was talking about the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to follow God's commandments wherever we are, therefore giving glory or praise to God through the Holy Spirit. Also, the Bible says we can praise God when we speak in tongues (Acts 10:46). So, speaking in tongues is both prayer (1 Cor. 14:15) and worship.¹

Living set apart for God and keeping His commandments is worship and praise to God. Rom. 12:1-2, Eph. 1:12

We see people worshipping God through praise both individually, with others, and in many different ways.

He did great things. Deut. 10:21; Ps. 86:9-10

Rejoice. Ps. 68:4-5

Procession of singers and musicians blessing God. Ps. 68:24-26

Bow and kneel, Ps. 95:6

Bless from everything within. Ps. 103:1

Spread out hands. Ps. 143:6

Praise God in the sanctuary, for His acts, greatness, with trumpet, harp, timbral, dance, strings, flutes, cymbals, all with breath praise God. 150:1-6

Exalt and praise. Isa. 25:1

Stand, bless forever, bless name of YeHoVah.² Neh. 9:5-6

Sing, victory, glory, praise, feared, majesty, joy, glorious, tremble before, earth glad, sea roar, fields exalt, trees sing, thank, grace forever, blesses, blessed forever. 1 Chron. 16:23-36

Singing hymns. Ps. Acts 16:25

All through him, glory forever. Rom. 11:36

Unshakable kingdom, favor, please God, reverence, fear. Heb. 12:28-29

Worship in heaven, holy holy, glory, honor, forever and ever, threw crowns at feet, creator.

Rev. 4:8-11

Fear God, give glory. Rev. 14:7

¹ There are a number of things the Bible says speaking in tongues does. For more information on this see <u>Speaking in Tongues</u>.

² YeHoVAH (הוֹה) is God's name forever as it says in Exodux 3:15 (found pointed in over 1,721 manuscripts – N. Gordon).