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# Worship

## Introduction

Worship is a vital activity. It is vital because it is an expression from the hearts of people. It is also vital because it is sought after and deserved by God. Jesus said (John 4:23), "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." God seeks true worshippers.

Many activities today are thought of as being worshipful. People say and do things that they believe will please and honor God. However, to truly worship God we must speak and act in ways that He has ordained. Some activities that are thought to be worshipful are not true worship at all.

Worship is purposeful activity; it is knowingly directed toward the object of worship. However, activities of worship can be affected by attitudes and other behavior so that they become unacceptable to God. In this LIFE PAC® you will learn about the nature of worship, the forms of worship that please God, and the kinds of things that make worship displeasing to God.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFE PAC. When you have finished this LIFE PAC, you should be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of worship.
2. Explain the identification of bowing with worship.
3. Tell two things about God you must know to worship Him.
4. State three reasons you should worship God.
5. Describe Old Testament forms of worship no longer used today.
6. Describe forms of worship used in New Testament times and today.
7. Describe the forms of worship used in heaven.
8. Explain whether images are acceptable in the worship of God.
9. Define hypocrisy, formalism, and sacrilege in worship
10. Describe the nature of true worship.



# 1. THE NATURE OF WORSHIP

The act of worship has both external and internal aspects. It is an act that can be seen and identified as worship, and it comes from a person's heart, or will. The three Hebrew young men described in Daniel 3, were devoted to the Lord. They could not bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's statue because they loved the Lord, the true God.

In this section of the LIFEPAK, you will learn the meaning of the word *worship*. From the meaning of the word, you will be able to define the nature of worship. You will consider the One you are to worship and learn why you are to worship Him. God is seeking true worshippers, those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. This section should help you to understand the biblical concept of worship.

## Section Objectives

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of worship.
2. Explain the identification of bowing with worship.
3. Tell two things about God you must know to worship Him.
4. State three reasons you should worship God.

## Vocabulary

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAK.

**by-product** (bī' prod əkt). Something extra produced in making the main product.

**humility** (hyü mil' ə tē ). A humbleness of mind; the opposite of being proud.

**omission** (ō mish' ən). The act of being omitted.

**reverence** (rev' ə r əns). Extreme respect mixed with love and awe.

**subjection** (sub jek' shən). Being under some power or influence.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAK appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: **h**at, **ā**ge, **cā**re, **fā**r; **l**et, **ē**qual, **tē**rm; **i**t, **ī**ce; **h**ot, **ō**pen, **ō**rder; **o**il; **o**ut; **c**up, **p**ut, **r**ule; **c**hild; **l**ong; **t**hin; /**th**/ for **th**en; /**zh**/ for **me**asure; /**ə**/ represents /**a**/ in **a**bout, /**e**/ in **t**aken, /**i**/ in **p**encil, /**o**/ in **l**emon, and /**u**/ in **c**ircus.

## The Meaning of Worship

The word *worship* comes from an Old English word that means "worthship." Worship, therefore, is an activity directed toward something or someone that has worth, or that is worthy. The Bible tells of some men and women who worshipped idols. The people who worship an idol believe that the idol is worthy of their worship.

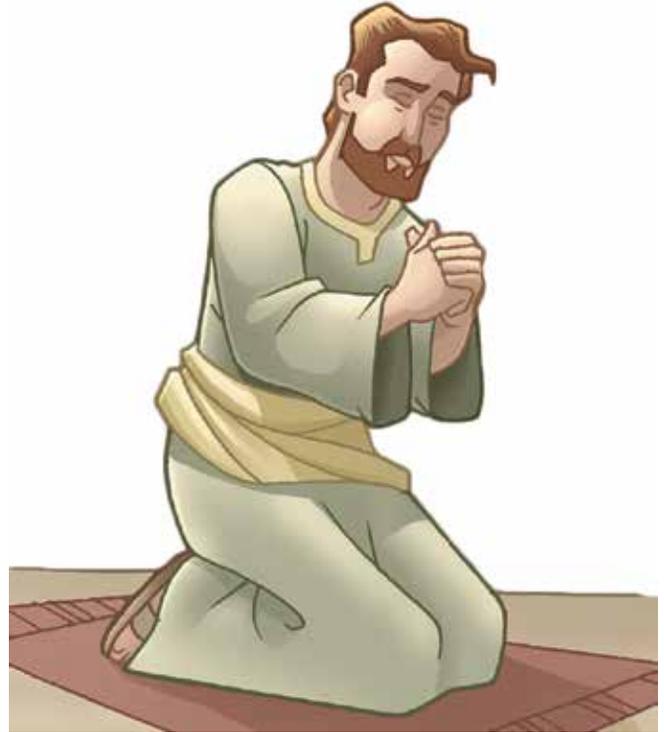
They often worship the idol because they believe the idol is powerful and will bless them. Therefore, the idol has worth to them; they believe it can do them some good. The Bible also tells of men and women who worshipped God. God is worshipped because He is of great

worth. A person would never worship something that he believes is of little value or worth.

Worship is defined as the act of giving recognition, respect, and high honor to a person or an object of esteem. You are worshipping God when you give Him recognition, supreme respect, and the highest honor. To give Him proper respect and honor, you must act with **reverence** and **humility**. In true worship you place yourself in **subjection** to God and therefore willingly serve Him.

By bowing on your knees in worship, you are showing reverence, humility, and subjection to God. The Bible presents many instances when people bowed their knees and worshipped God. Consider the actions of the wise men who came to see the Lord Jesus (Matthew 2:11): "... they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him...." In the days of Ezra (Nehemiah 8:6) the Jews "...bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground." The Psalmist said (Psalm 95:6), "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." When a person bows before the Lord, he is saying that God is his King. Every knee will bow one day to the Lord Jesus (Philippians 2:10).

You might wonder if a person can worship God without bowing before Him. When you meet a friend whom you have not seen for a time, you often shake his hand. Shaking hands is a physical act that shows your friendship, just as



| Bowing in worship shows honor and respect to God.

bowing is a physical act that shows reverence. Can you be friends with a person without shaking hands? Of course you can. Likewise, you can worship God without bowing before Him.

The main reason a person bows in worship is to show honor and respect to God. Psalm 89:7 says, "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him."



### Write true or false in the blank.

- 1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ The word worship comes from a French word that means "worthship."
- 1.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Worship is directed to something or someone that has worth or value in the eyes of the worshipper.
- 1.3 \_\_\_\_\_ The true worshipper of God is a person who will serve God.
- 1.4 \_\_\_\_\_ A person must bow his head or kneel to worship God.
- 1.5 \_\_\_\_\_ Worship should be done in reverence.

**Complete these statements.**

- 1.6** Worship is giving a \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_, and c. \_\_\_\_\_ to the one who is being worshipped.
- 1.7** In true worship we place ourselves in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Unscramble these words concerning worship.**

- 1.8** rohon a. \_\_\_\_\_ prestce b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 tiyluimh c. \_\_\_\_\_ cereeevnr d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 tiierocnong e. \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete these activities.**

- 1.9** The physical act of bowing before God in worship reveals these characteristics of the worshipper:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.10** Write Psalm 95:6. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.11** Write a verse that has the word reverence in it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer these questions.**

- 1.12** When the wise men came to see Jesus, what physical act accompanied their worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.13** What is the main reason a person bows in worship to God? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## The Object of Worship

To give the proper recognition, respect, and honor to God, you must know something about Him. For example, suppose that you have just been introduced to a certain young man. If you knew nothing about him, you would not know what to say to him or what to think about him. Now suppose that you were told that he won a gold medal in the Olympics in the mile race. You would then think very highly of him as an athlete and would consider him worthy of recognition. You would eagerly tell other people about this man and his accomplishments. You would give him respect and honor.

God is the object of the Christian's worship; that is, He is the One to whom worship is directed. Obviously, you cannot give honor and praise to someone who is unknown to you. Therefore, you must know something about God to be able to worship Him.

Two kinds of things about God must be known if you are to be able to worship Him. First, you must know something about what He is like.

The Bible reveals many things about the nature of God. God is a person, God is almighty, God knows everything, God is everywhere, God is eternal, God is holy and hates sin, God is fair, God is perfect, God loves and is merciful, God is good, and so on. Second, you need to know the things God has done, His works. The Bible also reveals the works of God. God created the universe and man, He delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, He died on the cross for people through Jesus Christ His Son, He controls the universe, He will judge mankind, He gives us strength and salvation, and so on. By studying the Bible you learn what God is like and what He has done.

When you understand how great God is and how great His works are, then you can give Him recognition, respect, and honor. What God is like and what He has done are noted in Psalm 107:8: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"



### Write true or false in the blank.

- 1.14 \_\_\_\_\_ A person can worship God even if he does not know who He is or what He has done.
- 1.15 \_\_\_\_\_ Worship consists of giving God recognition, respect, and honor.
- 1.16 \_\_\_\_\_ God's works are the things that He has done.
- 1.17 \_\_\_\_\_ We are the object of our worship; God is the subject of our worship.
- 1.18 \_\_\_\_\_ The object of worship is the person or thing that is being worshipped.

### Answer these questions.

- 1.19 Who should be the object of our worship? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.20 What are the two kinds of things that we need to know about God to be able to worship Him?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.21 Where can we find out about God to be able to worship Him? \_\_\_\_\_



### Complete these activities.

**1.22** Name five of God's works that are listed in this section.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.23** Name five things about God's nature that are listed in this section.

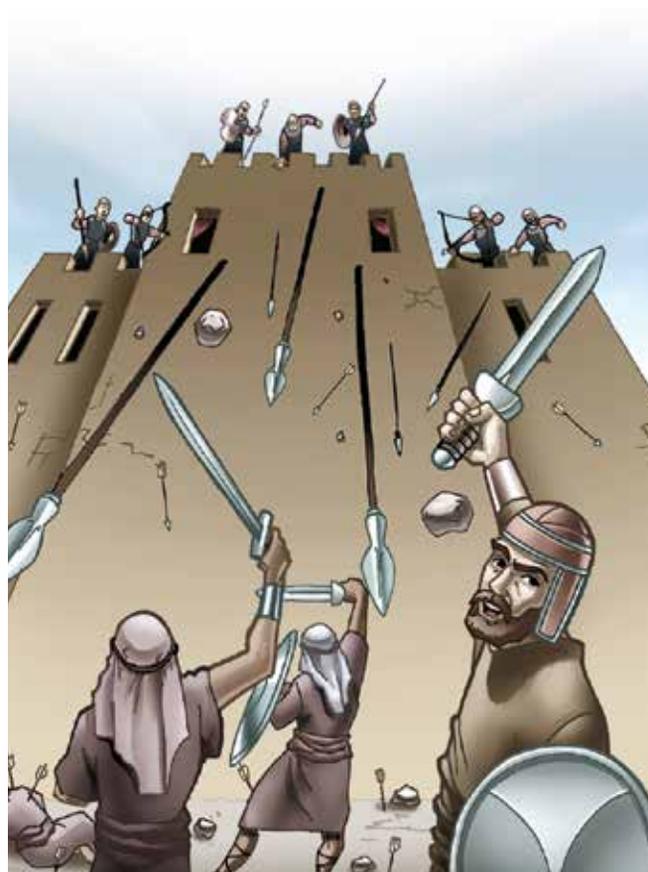
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Reasons for Worship

Many reasons can be given for worshipping the living God. The most important ones come from the words of Scripture, the nature of God, and the relationship between God and man.

**Worship is Commanded.** The primary reason for worshipping God is that he has commanded us to worship Him. He is the Lord, the Master, the King, the Ruler, and we are His servants. The servant must listen to the King and must obey Him. The Bible says (Luke 4:8), "...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." These words state a commandment! The Psalmist wrote (Psalm 9:11), "Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings." These verses and many others clearly teach that God requires us to worship Him. No other reason for worshipping Him is necessary. If He has commanded worship, we must obey.

If God has commanded that we worship Him, and if we love Him, then we will worship Him. The Lord Jesus said (John 14:15), "If ye love me, keep my commandments." But what if we do not worship Him? What if we neglect to worship God? If we fail to worship God, then we have



| The Book of Judges records the early trials and triumphs of Israel.

disobeyed Him: we have sinned. To neglect to worship God is a sin. It is a sin of **omission**.

In the Old Testament the blessings on the nation of Israel were related to whether they kept God's command to worship and to serve only Him. When the Israelites were preparing to go into the land of Canaan, Moses said (Deuteronomy 28:1-2), "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee...." The Israelites also learned that if they ceased from

worshipping and serving God, all kinds of troubles would come upon them (Deuteronomy 31:16-17).

The Book of Judges records the early trials and triumphs of Israel. When Israel turned to worship and to serve other gods, God afflicted them by sending enemies to oppress them. However, when the Israelites turned to worship and to serve God, God delivered them from their enemies by giving them leaders (the judges) such as Ehud and Gideon. Therefore, nations as well as individuals must give worship to God. God's judgment falls on those who break the command to worship and to serve Him.



**Answer these questions.**

**1.24** Have we been commanded to worship God? a. \_\_\_\_\_ Write a verse to prove your answer.

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**1.25** How are we to prove to God that we love Him? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**1.26** Is failure to worship God a sin? a. \_\_\_\_\_ Why? b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**1.27** What happened to the Israelites when they ceased to worship and to serve God? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Worship is Deserved.** A second reason why we should worship God is that He is worthy of worship. Worship is due Him because He deserves it. In Revelation 4:11 we read, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Suppose that we go to a concert and hear a fantastic performance by a great pianist. What is our response? We clap and praise the pianist because his great piano playing makes him worthy of applause. Likewise, we congratulate a student who has done well in his schoolwork. The student’s achievement makes him worthy of receiving recognition. Should God, who created this fantastically complex and beautiful universe, receive praise? Yes, He is worthy of it. Should God, who demonstrated the greatest degree of love in sending the Lord Jesus to die for us, receive thanks? Yes, He is worthy of our worship because of His nature and His works.

The evolutionist is guilty of a great sin. God has created this world and all the creatures in it. Instead of giving God the recognition for His work, the evolutionist says it all happened by chance. The evolutionist is guilty of not giving God His rightful praise and recognition. He has given God’s glory to something else, chance.

The Psalmist has declared (Psalm 48:1), “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised...” God is worthy to be worshipped.

**Worship is Helpful.** A third reason we should worship God is that worship reminds us of who we are and how we are related to God. Sometimes we might start to think that we are just as important as God. We could begin to think that God exists for us. However, when we worship Him, we admit that we are only creatures with all kinds of weaknesses. Only when we recognize who God is and give Him honor can we be what He wants us to be. We must always keep in mind what our relationship to Him is. We must always remember our dependence on Him. We must always be aware of His power, wisdom, and love. Through worship all these things are kept in our minds. The worship of God yields real benefits to us; we become what God wants us to be when we worship Him. We find happiness and contentment as a **by-product** of worship and service to God.

Let us continually worship Him and live lives by His grace that prove that we really mean what we say in praise to Him. To give recognition, respect, and the highest honor to God is our duty and privilege.



**Answer these questions.**

1.28 Why does God deserve our worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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1.29 How has the evolutionist sinned? \_\_\_\_\_

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1.30 What is our relationship to God that is brought out in worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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1.31 What is one of the by-products of our worship and service to God? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Complete this activity.**

1.32 Read Daniel 3. On a separate sheet of paper, write why you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not serve the king's gods nor bow down to his image.

**TEACHER CHECK**



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**Review the material in this section in preparation for the Self Test.** The Self Test will check your mastery of this particular section. The items missed on this Self Test will indicate specific areas where restudy is needed for mastery.

# SELF TEST 1

**Write true or false in the blank** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.01** \_\_\_\_\_ The word worship comes from an Old English word that means “a strong ship.”
- 1.02** \_\_\_\_\_ We must kneel or bow our heads to worship God.
- 1.03** \_\_\_\_\_ To be in subjection to God means that we enjoy the things that He has done for us.
- 1.04** \_\_\_\_\_ God is worthy of our worship.
- 1.05** \_\_\_\_\_ People worship that which they believe has value or worth.
- 1.06** \_\_\_\_\_ The things that God has done are His works.
- 1.07** \_\_\_\_\_ Creation is one of God’s works.
- 1.08** \_\_\_\_\_ The nature of God has to do with His character, what He is like.
- 1.09** \_\_\_\_\_ The main way we find out about God’s works and His nature is to study His wonderful creation.
- 1.010** The primary reason we are to worship God is because it gives us an exciting life.

**Complete these statements** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.011** We worship God by giving Him a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.012** When we worship God, kneeling or bowing shows our a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- 1.013** In the days of Ezra, the Israelites a. \_\_\_\_\_ their  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ in worship.
- 1.014** Before we can worship God, we need to know a. \_\_\_\_\_  
and b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.015** The source of our knowledge of God is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.016** Three of God’s works are a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.017** Three things about God’s nature are: a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .

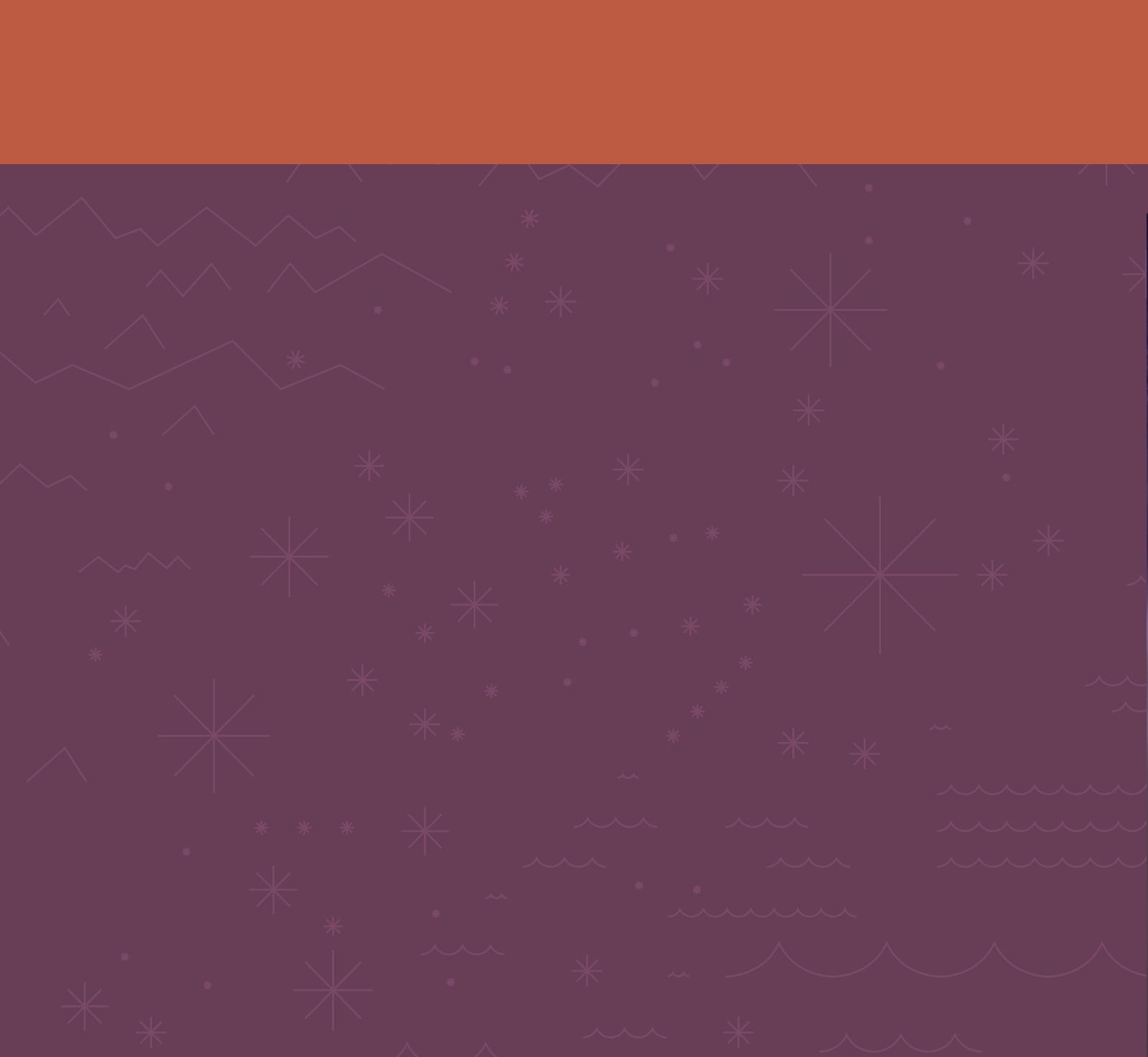
Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.018 To neglect the worship of God is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. beneficial      b. sin      c. acceptable      d. inconsequential
- 1.019 We should worship God because He \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. depends on us      b. judges us      c. needs it      d. deserves it
- 1.020 The evolutionist has sinned by not giving recognition to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. man      b. chance      c. God      d. science
- 1.021 Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego would not bow to the king's \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. gods      b. soldiers      c. image      d. furnace

Answer these questions (each numbered item, 5 points).

- 1.022 How does worshipping God help the worshipper? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.023 What is the main reason a person bows in worship to God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.024 What happened to the Israelites when they ceased to worship God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.025 What verse tells of God's command to worship Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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