



Worship

The English word "*worship*" in the English Bible is a very gross mistranslation of the Hebrew and Greek words from which this word "*worship*" was translated. The English meaning of "*worship*" is to expressly pay homage to a deity, while the Hebrew and Greek words from which "*worship*" was translated mean to "bow down", "fall prostrate" before some person, king, ruler or deity.

noun: **worship** the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

verb: **worship** show reverence and adoration for (a deity); honor with religious rites.

Internet people ask: What is the true meaning of worship?

Internet answers: 1 : reverence offered a **divine being or supernatural power** also : an act of expressing such reverence. 2 : a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual. 3 :

extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem, worship of the dollar.

The "church" has defined "*worship*" as praising God, lifting hands, singing and all the rituals they do within their walls to "worship" God and that is correct for the **English definition** of the word "*worship*", but then they transfer their English meaning to the English word "*worship*" in the Bible which as stated above is not correct, this causes confusion and deception, as this distorts the truth of the Bible.

In Rev 13 the "*worship*" of the beast does not necessarily mean the "church" view of "*worship*" stated above, what it means is to give servitude, bow down, bend the knee, submitting and this can be done with a heart and mind full of hate or love for the beast.

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship** [G4352](#) the image of the beast should be killed.

A better reading of this, would be from the Young's Literal Translation 1898

Rev 13:15 and there was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, that also the image of the beast may speak, and [*that*] it may cause as many as shall not **bow before** [G4352](#) the image of the beast, that they may be killed.

Reference this to Daniel 3:18 below.

[G4352](#) προσκυνέω **proskuneo** (pros-kī-ne'-ō) *v.*

1. **to crouch or fawn toward** (face down), **while expressing homage** (i.e. with a servile kiss or display of humble adoration).
2. **to fall prostrate** (face down) **in adoration or homage.**
3. (*of old age*) **to lean prostrate** (face down) **with the help of staff.**
4. (*Note*) **a physical act of lowering oneself in humble submission with an attitude of utmost adoration or respect.**

What is coming upon this world is a physical submitting, bowing to the beast just the same as the mark will be a physical mark or some type of tattoo. While this is a spiritual battle for believers, it will all be manifested in the physical. The "worship" will not be a mind or heart thing but a physical thing, just as the mark will not be a heart or mind thing but a physical mark.

Rev 13:16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive **a mark** G5480 in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had **the mark** G5480, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

G5480 **χάραγμα charagma** (cha'-rag-ma) *n.*

a scratch or etching, i.e. stamp (as a badge of servitude), **or sculptured figure** (statue).

[from charasso "to sharpen to a point" (akin to G1125 through the idea of scratching)]

KJV: graven, mark

There are a couple Greek words that do mean the English type of "worship" in a spiritual reverence. If John wanted this type of "worship" to be expressed in Revelation, he would have used these types of words and not the **προσκυνέω proskuneo** meaning to bow down, prostrate. Reference this to Daniel 3:18 below.

John 9:31 Now we know that YHWH hears not sinners: but if any man be a **worshipper of YHWH** G2318, and does his will, him he hears.

G2318 **θεοσεβής theosebēs** (the-o-se-bees') *adj.*

reverent of God.

[from G2316 and G4576]

KJV: worshipper of God

Matt 15:8 This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth, and honors me with **[their]** lips; but their heart is far from me.

Matt 15:9 But in vain **they do worship** G4576 me, teaching **[for]** doctrines the commandments of men.

Acts 18:13 Saying, This **[fellow]** persuades men **to worship** G4576 YHWH contrary to the law.

G4576 **σέβομαι sebomai** (se'-bo-mai) *v.*

1. to reverence.

2. (antonym) to irreverence. KJV: devout, religious, worship



Exod 12:27 That you shall say, It [is] the sacrifice of YHWH'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and **worshipped** H7812.

H7812 שָׁחָה **shachah** (shaw-chaw') v.

1. to depress, crouch.

2. (especially reflexive) to fall prostrate to (in homage to royalty or God).

[a primitive root]

KJV: bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, **worship**.

Compare: H5456

H5457 שָׁגַד **cgid** (seg-eed') v. – This word is only found in the book of Daniel.

to prostrate oneself (in homage).

Dan 3:18 But if not, be it known unto you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor **worship** H5457 the golden image which you have set up.

[(Aramaic) corresponding to H5456]

KJV: **worship**.

Root(s): H5456

H5456 שָׁגַד **cagad** (saw-gad') v.

to prostrate oneself (in homage).

[a primitive root]

KJV: fall down.

The Septuagint LXX uses the same Greek word in Daniel προσκυνέω **proskuneo** with a different suffix referring to the image.

Dan 3:18 και εαν μη γνωστον εστω σοι βασιλευ οτι τοις θεοις σου ου λατρευομεν και τη εικονι τη χρυση η εστησας ου προσκυνουμεν

In the Young's Literal Translation 1898 he used obeisance meaning to bow or show respect, it does not mean to "worship" in the English sense of the word.

Dan 3:18 And lo--not! be it known to thee, O king, that thy gods we are not serving, and to the golden image thou hast raised up we do no **obeisance**.

noun: **obeisance** - deferential respect - a gesture expressing deferential respect, such as a bow or curtsy. - "they **paid obeisance to** the Prince"

Gen 6:6 And it repented YHWH that he had made man on the earth, and it **grieved** H6087 him at his heart.

H6087 עָצַב **atsab** (aw-tsab') v.

1. (properly) to carve, i.e. fabricate or fashion.

2. (*hence, in a bad sense*) **to worry, pain or anger.**

[a primitive root]

KJV: displease, grieve, hurt, make, be sorry, vex, **worship**, wrest.

Gen 2:15 And YHWH the Elohaym took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it H5647 and to keep it.

Gen 3:23 Therefore YHWH the Elohaym sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till H5647 the ground from whence he was taken.

2Kgs 10:23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the **worshippers** H5647 of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of YHWH, but the **worshippers** H5647 of Baal only.

H5647 עָבַד `abad (aw-6ad') v.

1. **to work** (in any sense).
2. (*by implication*) **to serve, till.**
3. (*causatively*) **to enslave, etc.**

[a primitive root]

KJV: X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour(-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve(-ing, self), (be, become) servant(-s), do (use) service, till(-er), transgress (from margin), (set a) work, be wrought, **worshipper**.