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## Jesus, is it Right to Worship Him.

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**INTRODUCTION:** based on the following verse, "you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God," (Exod. 34:14) some amongst the global Christian church believe all worship should be directed toward God, and that it is wrong to worship Jesus, the focus of this study is to discover if this is a correct belief or not.

In the following verses the word worship comes from the Greek word (προσκυνέω), and means: to worship, to reverence, to kneel-down before, and to pay obeisance. The following verses show that during Jesus earthly ministry, he allowed himself to be worshiped:

- **Matthew 14:33:** Those in the boat worshiped (Greek, προσκυνέω) him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
- **John 9:35-38:** Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped (Greek, προσκυνέω) him.

Here we are told the disciples in the boat, and a man healed of blindness, worshipped Jesus, and at this stage he has not yet been glorified, and he does not rebuke them for it.

### **Peter refuses to be worshipped.**

- **Acts 10:25-26:** When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped (Greek, προσκυνέω) him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." (Acts 10:25-26).

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in contrast to Peter who refused to be worshipped, there is not one verse that suggests that Jesus was unworthy of worship, nor is there a single case where Jesus ever rebuked those who worshiped him.

### **When Jesus was born, the angels worshipped him.**

- **Hebrews 1:4-6:** Jesus, becoming much superior to angels as the name he has inherited (i.e., Son of God) is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship (Greek, προσκυνέω) him."

Since it was accepted for angels to worship Christ and we are lower than the angels (Heb. 2:7), it follows that worship of the Lord Jesus Christ is entirely appropriate. In the following verse Jesus is given the same sort of adoration and worship as his heavenly Father.

- **Revelation 5:13:** I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Here we are told, every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea are all saying to God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb (the Lord Jesus Christ), "blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever," this is an act and expression of worship, and it is directed to both God, and His Beloved Son. Paul in the following verse explicitly states that Christ is so exalted that, in his name every knee should bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord.

- **Philippians 2:10-11:** At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

In this context the reference to bowing the knee is an allusion to worship as the following verses show.

- **Isaiah 45:23:** By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'
- **Romans 11:4:** But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

It is true, there is only one God, the Almighty Holy God of all creation and heavenly Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and true that only He should be worshipped as God, for as the Scriptures proclaim, there is no other God. However, based on the above verses, it is not wrong to worship Jesus, not as God, but as God's most beloved Son, for God has given him all authority over every principality and power, and he laid his life down to a brutal and bloody death that we could be saved by his righteousness and God's grace, he is clearly worthy of worship, but, not as the Almighty Holy God the creator of all things, and heavenly Father of Jesus, but as the Son of God, our Saviour, Redeemer, and King, anyone who says otherwise is in error.

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