

Exodus 24

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John 4:23 - "The time is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."

Three Levels of Worship

Worship Level One

Exodus 24:1-8 - Now God said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar." ² And Moses alone shall come near the Lord, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him." ³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the Lord has said we'll do." ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we'll do, and be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

1. Worship Level One focuses on the Word.

v. 3 - Moses told the people all the words of the Lord ...and the people answered, "All the words which the Lord has said we'll do."

v. 7 - Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we'll do..."

Jesus: *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

#1 - Be humble and helpful.

#2 - Be fair--or better yet, be merciful.

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#3 - Be loving and kind.

"If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it."

2. Worship Level One involves a Blood Sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:18-20 - Not even the first covenant was put into effect without blood... Moses took the blood of calves and goats... and sprinkled the book and all the people. Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you."

Worship Level Two

v. 9 - Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel.

They saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

Ezekiel 1:26-28 - Above the expanse over their heads was the likeness of a throne with the appearance of sapphire, and on the throne high above was a figure like that of a man. From what seemed to be His waist up, I saw a gleam like amber, with what looked like fire within it all around. And from what seemed to be His waist down, I saw what looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded Him. The appearance of the brilliant light all around Him was like that of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell facedown.

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Ps. 100:2 - Worship the LORD with gladness; *come into His presence* with singing.

Psalms 95:2 - *Enter His presence* with thanksgiving.

1 Chron. 16:29 - Give to the LORD the glory He deserves! Bring your offering and *come into His presence*. Worship the LORD in all His holy splendor.

v. 11 - So they *saw God*, and they *ate and drank*.

Rev. 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Worship Level Three

v. 12-13 - Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I’ll give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I’ve written, that you may teach them.”

¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Lev. 10:1-3 - Aaron’s sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners and sprinkled incense over them. In this way, they disobeyed the LORD by burning before Him the wrong kind of fire, *different than He had commanded*. So fire came forth from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Moses then said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke of when He said: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.’”

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v. 16-18 - Now *the glory of the Lord* rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ The sight of *the glory of the Lord* was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸ So Moses *went into* the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Worship Level One (Exodus 24:1-8)

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2. Worship Level One involves _____.

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Worship Level Three (Exodus 24:12-18)