Worship
Message 2 in the series, "Beyond the Music"

"Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker..." Psalm 95:6 (NLT)

Worship is a response to who God is and all He has done for us and is expressed through a life of reverence, devotion, surrender, sacrifice and obedience.

Three Forms of Worship in the Bible:

1. **To <u>Bow</u> Down**
   Shachah — To bow down low, to prostrate oneself especially in homage before a king or before God
   Segid — To fall down, bow in homage.
   Proskyneō — To kiss toward; to bow down or prostrate oneself in homage. Strong's notes the picture of a dog licking its master's hand.

   Note: To worship God by humbly bowing before Him in reverence, honor, and surrender, recognizing His authority and greatness as our King and willingly submitting ourselves to Him.

   "'Stay here with the donkey,' Abraham told the servants. 'The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.'" Genesis 22:5 (NLT)

   "Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, 'Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected —even children in the third and fourth generations.' Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped." Exodus 34:5–8 (NLT)

   "When all the people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the LORD filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying, 'He is good! His faithful love endures forever!'" 2 Chronicles 7:3 (NLT)

2. **To <u>Serve</u>**
   Abad — "to work, to serve"
   Latreuō — "to serve; service"
   Leitourgeō — "to minister; service"

   Note: To worship God through our obedience and willing service to Him, faithfully carrying out His commands and the assignments He has given us.

   "But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

   "But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy." Philippians 2:17 (NLT)

   "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." Romans 12:1 (NLT)

3. **To <u>Revere</u>**

Yare' — The reverent awe that recognizes God as holy and great.
Sebomai — To revere, to show reverence or devotion.

Note: To worship God with deep respect, honor, and devotion, standing in awe of His holiness and greatness, and willingly offering Him our talents, resources, and lives as an expression of our love and gratitude, recognizing that He alone is worthy of everything.

Note: Offerings and sacrifices have always been associated with worship.

MINCHAH — Gift, tribute, offering. A gift brought to honor a king or God, one that says "You are worthy."

"Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift..." Genesis 4:4 (NLT)

"They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11 (NLT)

"Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor." 1 Chronicles 16:29 (NLT)

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