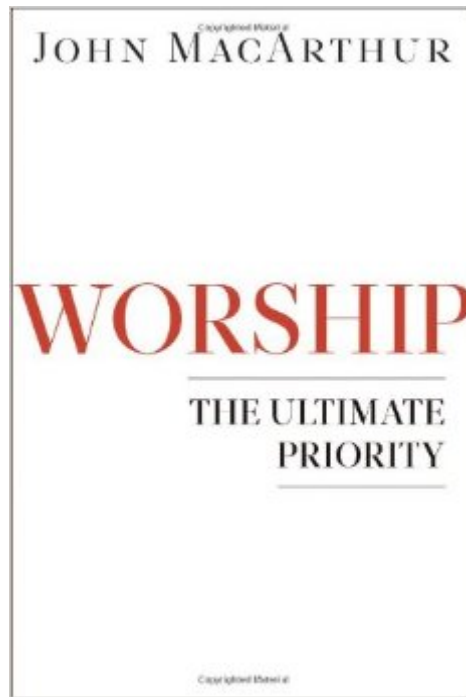


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# Worship: The Ultimate Priority



## Synopsis

Nothing is more important than worship. It is the theme of Scripture, the theme of eternity, and the theme of redemptive history. To worship the true and living and glorious God is the purpose of all creation. So why do we treat it as only what is sung or played in church on Sunday morning? Pastor John MacArthur leads you through Scripture texts about true worship. You will learn that worship is any essential expression of service rendered unto God by a soul that loves and extols Him for who He is. Worship is the nonstop role of believers, not merely part of a church service. So get ready to alter your priorities, aiming higher than entertaining worshipers on Sunday mornings. Worship shows that your ultimate priority must always be to worship the true and living God, with a radically different type of living.

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This was my first experience with MacArthur in book form; I've read his other works from his website, *Grace To You*, and always enjoyed them. As a first exposure, I found this a wonderful introduction to MacArthur's writing and interested me in his other works. MacArthur identifies issues facing worship that are timeless and relevant. I did not find any of the content outdated, despite the original being written in nearly 30 years ago. This is to his credit, as he clearly kept close to Scripture as the basis for his arguments. There was a time in the middle of the book where the flow seemed to dry up a little and I had difficulty connecting what he was writing to the overall message of the book, but it was still enjoyable and interesting. Towards the 3/4 mark through the end, I found myself wanting to underline and highlight many times as many of the statements he made were

definitely ones to remember and meditate on. Overall, I believe this is an excellent book on Worship that every Christian worshiper ought to read. It helped me to examine my own heart, prepare more honestly and purely, set my heart and mind on the true God, and worship with greater fullness and love. I would not hesitate to recommend this to anyone in the church. Please Note: I was provided with a copy of this audio book as a part of the christianaudio Reviewers Program in exchange for my unbiased review of this work. This has in no way influenced my opinion or review of this work. For more information about this and other Christian audio books visit [christianaudio.com](http://christianaudio.com). To read more of my reviews, please visit my blog [trutheran.blogspot.com](http://trutheran.blogspot.com).

This is a great study on worship. Pastor MacArthur defines and describes what worship really is, showing that our perception on the matter is mostly restricted to one aspect of worship, namely music. Full of biblical references that help us to broaden our research on the subject and really understand our purpose and the proper way to worship our Lord. It is a must read for those who want to fulfill the biblical instruction of knowing our God in order to properly worship Him (in spirit and truth). Two other great books are also essential on the subject: RC Sproul's "A Taste of Heaven: Worship in the Light of Eternity" and Peter Masters' "Worship in the Melting Pot", both available on Kindle.

I kept wondering why it felt redundant but he wanted to drive certain points home via recaps (the woman at the well). I'm glad I read it. Slow reading is a must to get all the detail! It's a keeper for future refer. He isn't as easy of a read as some others: -Charles Stanley - Jerry Bridges - Adrian Rogers - Warren Wiersbe They are my faves!

Worship by John MacArthur is a reasonably comprehensive study of worship and its place in the believer's life. The essence of the book is that worship to God should be meaningful not some religious tradition to be completed. Also worship is not just singing songs or playing music but the attitude of the believer to do everything they do to God's glory. The early chapters focus on who God is such as His sovereignty and power, which lead to the conclusion that He is worthy to be worshipped. Also emphasis is placed on worshipping God with spirit and truth not simply based in man-made traditions. In today's church there are many different forms of worship and the very interesting last chapter focused on how worship has changed over the last 200 years. Although I didn't agree with some of the insinuations leading toward hymns being the best form of worship, it was quite a balanced overview of how it has changed both for better and worse. The narration was

quite good and flowed along nicely. I don't remember being distracted by the way the narrator was reading, which means it must have been quite well read. This book is a fine insight into what worshipping God means and it should be considered a useful resource on worship especially for those individuals lead by God to lead worship corporately. This audio book was gifted as a part of the christianaudio Reviewers Program in exchange for my unbiased review of this work. More information can be found about this and other Christian audio books at christianaudio.com.

Dr. John MacArthur's book WORSHIP is, by far, the best book defining what true worship demands. My wife and I have given a copy to our Sunday school class for the members to read and pass on. I was especially pleased that the author's position is also supported by an earlier book by David Wells "No Place for Truth" who also defines true worship. Both authors essentially agree and I quote Wells who makes a succinct comment: "...in too many evangelical churches, the casual choral singing ... masquerades as deep worship in too many services, as if [the] celebrating [of] good feelings were the same thing as rendering to God His due." Of these two books, MacArthur's is easier to read--and is, in my opinion, a real page-turner! Available through .Worship: The Ultimate Priority

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