

WHO IS YOUR GOD?

Note to the speaker:

Make the point that there are basically just two choices as to whom people worship, Jehovah and Satan. Many who think that they are worshiping God are actually worshiping Satan. Help audience to analyze clearly just where they stand. Prove that false worship is worship of Satan. Help worshipers of Jehovah to be more sure of their convictions

THE QUESTION INVOLVES MORE THAN A PERSONAL VIEW (8 min.)

Most people think that they know the answer to the question, "Who is your God?"

But it involves more than a personal view or feeling (Mt 7:22, 23)

Does the object of your worship actually exist and give proof of godship? (Jer 16:20; *w88* 2/1 16)

Is the form of worship you offer accepted? (Mt 7:21; Ac 7:42, 43)

Many things are worshiped today as gods (*w90* 12/1 4-5; *w88* 2/1 16)

Some people admit they view money, pleasure, or science as their god (Isa 65:11; Php 3:19)

Prominent people, such as political leaders or sports and movie stars, are often idolized (Ac 12:21, 22)

Whatever one covets is a god to that person (Col 3:5)

Hundreds of millions of individuals bow to images (Isa 44:16, 17, 20; *w90* 12/1 4)

But is there some living Being, or God, worthy of being worshiped?

Some claim to worship the God of the Bible but have only a hazy concept of him, not knowing his name or even if he has one, not knowing if he is a person with a body living in a specific place or if he is simply a force existing everywhere

THE BIBLE SHOWS THAT THERE ARE REALLY JUST TWO GODS BEING WORSHIPED (10 min.)

There is only one *true* God (Joh 17:3; *pe* 34-6)

He has a name (Ps 83:18)

He has a spiritual body (Joh 4:24)

He dwells in heaven (1Ki 8:43)

Jehovah is the real, almighty God, the Creator and the One worthy of worship (Re 4:11)

Although many other gods are being worshiped, Bible shows worship of all these other gods is directed to demons (De 32:16, 17; 1Co 10:20)

Hindus recognize 330,000,000 divinities; Shinto writings refer to 8,000,000 gods (*g88* 12/22 21; *it-1* 201, 237, 689)

Since Satan is "the ruler of the demons" and they are said to be his angels, then worship of demons is ultimately worship of Satan (Mt 12:24, 26; Re 12:7; *w90* 12/1 5-6)

He is really the ultimate false god (2Co 4:4)

All worship other than that of Jehovah is false and serves the purpose of Satan

We need to determine whom we are in fact worshiping

We must make sure our worship is acceptable to the true God (Tit 1:16; Jas 1:26)

COMMON RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND ATTITUDES IN THE LIGHT OF THE BIBLE (9 min.)

The Bible helps us to see whom we really are worshiping (*g70* 8/22 5-8) (Reason with the audience from the Scriptures)

The Bible condemns certain practices that please the Devil but displease Jehovah

Worship of and through images (Ex 20:4, 5; 1Co 10:14, 19, 21)

Fusion worship (*w90* 12/1 3-4)

Interfaith worship based on the idea that all religions are good (De 12:29-31; Mt 16:6, 12)

Astrology (*g90* 3/8 13-15; *g89* 11/22 3-8)

Ancestor worship (*g89* 3/8 18-19)

Common attitudes found among religious people conflict with God's Word, serving interests of Satan (Eph 2:1-5; *w87* 10/15 3-4)

Take moral liberties as long as you "love" other person or if both are in agreement (*g86* 7/8 3; *g85* 12/8 10)

Condone homosexuality and other perversions (*w89* 4/15 8; *g89* 1/22 7-9; *w87* 11/1 14)

Are concerned primarily with personal interests (business or social), avoiding real involvement in religion (Jas 2:14, 26)

YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT YOU TRULY WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD (12 min.)

To be certain that your worship is properly directed, you must learn more about Jehovah and be willing to follow his guidance (Ps 25:8, 12, 14; Ac 8:30-35)

Many have learned that God is not triune, not a torturer of sinners, not responsible for wickedness, and so on

But equally important to know God's outstanding qualities

Awe-inspiring God of love, as is seen in his dealings and works (*pe* 37-8; *w89* 12/1 4-7; *w85* 3/15 5-7)

Has perfect standards and encourages such in morals and conduct of worshipers (*pe* 37-8; *w87* 10/15 4-7; *w78* 5/15 5-8)

A God of purpose who will accomplish his will (*Isa* 14:24, 27)

Warm Father who invites humans to have treasured relationship with him (*lp* 113-14)

We can be counted righteous as friends of God (*w85* 12/1 15)

Though imperfect, we can share in the important preaching work God has given his servants today (*1Co* 3:9)

Unquestionably this is the God we should want to worship

WE CAN PROVE WE WANT JEHOVAH AND NOT SATAN AS OUR GOD (6 min.)

There are definite ways we can prove that we really want Jehovah and not Satan as our God

Respond to urging to separate from all false worship without delay (*Re* 18:4; *re* 265)

Be personally resolved to continue learning about Jehovah (*Ec* 12:13; *Eph* 4:13)

'Carry on righteousness; love our brothers' (*1Jo* 3:10)

Be no part of world, thus avoiding worship of Satan (*Jas* 4:4)

Keep clearly in mind that there is no middle ground; we can only be on one side or the other (*Jos* 24:15; *Mt* 6:24)

Eternal joy for those knowing Jehovah as God (*Isa* 25:9)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read. Source material in parentheses need not be mentioned)