

# Christmas in Song

**Bible Truth in the Christmas Carols**



# What does it mean to worship?

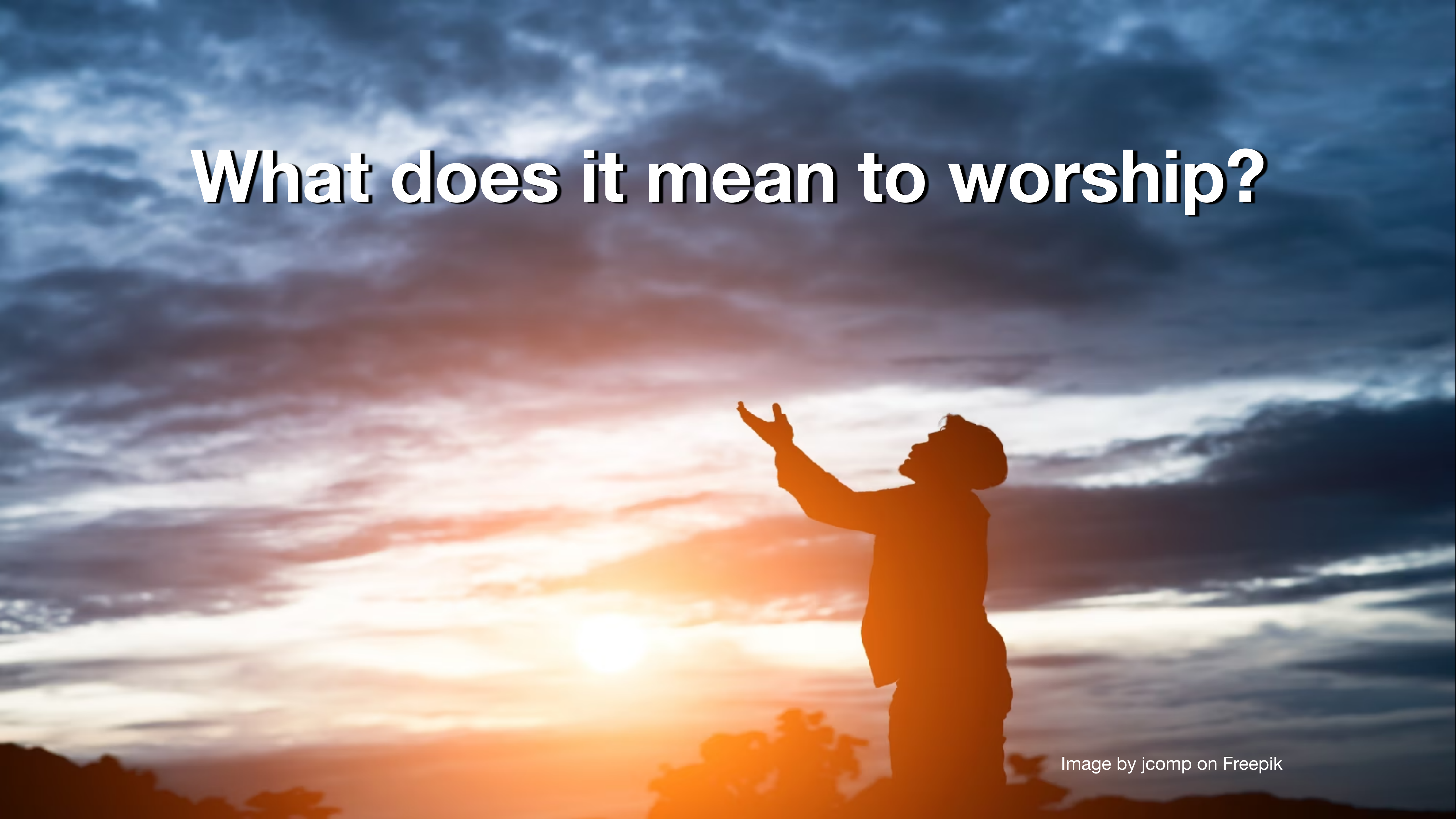


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# Matthew 2:1-12



# Christmas in Song

**Hymn 204**

**Hymn 206**

**Hymn 221**

**Hymn 224**

**Hymn 234**

# **Worship in the Christmas Story**

- **Planned Worship (1-6)**
- **Hypocritical Worship (7-8)**
- **True Worship (9-12)**

# Planned Worship

- **Planned by the Wise Men (1-2)**



- **Gentiles**
- **“Wise Men” = (Greek) “Magi”**
- **Descendants of Daniel’s wise men?**
- **Persia: “Zoroastrianism, with its priestly magos class”** [Wikipedia](#)



**Approximately 700 miles**



**“Sages, leave  
your contemplations.”**

**Hymn #206 - Verse 3**



**“From the eastern lands they trod.”**

**Hymn #234 - Verse 2**



**“To seek for a king  
was their intent.”**

**Hymn #204 - Verse 3**



# Planned Worship

- **Planned by the Wise Men (1-2)**
- **Planned in the Prophets (3-6)**

**Micah 5:2**  
**800 years before Christ**



In 2024, do you plan  
to worship?

- At **Church** - Acts 2:42-47
- In your **Home** - Deuteronomy 6:4ff
- In **Prayer** - Matthew 6:9-12
- In **Life** - 1 Corinthians 10:31

# Hypocritical Worship

- **Herod's Fear (3)**





- **“King of the Jews”**
- **Idumean (Esau - not a Jew)**
- **Got the kingdom by intrigue**
- **Had already murdered his wife and her two brothers**

# Hypocritical Worship

- Herod's Fear (3)
- Herod's Search (4-7)



Notice that the chief priests  
and scribes didn't even try  
to find Jesus!

**Hypocrisy!**

How do you know Whom  
to worship?

- From **Nature** - Romans 1:20
- From **the Word** - John 5:39

# Romans 1:20



# John 5:39





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## HAPPENING NOW

**CHALLENGE**  
 Read the entire Bible  
 Start a yearlong Bible Plan!

In 2024, how will you add  
knowledge to your worship?

- Through **Bible Reading** - Psa 19:7-11
- Through **Bible Study** - 2 Timothy 2:15
- In **Church Meetings** - Acts 2:42
- In **Small Groups** - Acts 2:46

# Hypocritical Worship

- Herod's Fear (3)
- Herod's Search (4-7)
- Herod's Plot (8)



Notice that Herod  
planned to kill Jesus!

**More Hypocrisy!**

# Mark 15:19





What is the focus  
of your worship?

Things

People

Self

God

False Worship

True Worship

# **True Worship**

- **Rejoicing among the Wise Men (9-10)**



**“Ye have seen his natal star.”**

**Hymn #206 - Verse 3**



# True Worship

- Rejoicing among the Wise Men (9-10)
- **Worship by the Wise Men (11a)**



# True Worship

- Rejoicing among the Wise Men (9-10)
- Worship by the Wise Men (11a)
- **Gifts from the Wise Men (11b)**

**“As they offered gifts most rare.”**

**Hymn #224 - Verse 3**





**“Gold I bring to crown him again.”**

**“Frankincense to offer have I.”**

**“Myrrh is mine,  
a bitter perfume.”**

**Hymn #221 - Verses 2-4**



# True Worship

- Rejoicing among the Wise Men (9-10)
- Worship by the Wise Men (11a)
- Gifts from the Wise Men (11b)
- Caution for the Wise Men (12)

# What is true worship?

- In posture
- In honor
- In words
- In heart

**Posture:**  
**1 Corinthians 14:25**



# Honor: Matthew 28:17



**Words:**  
**Revelation 5:11-13**



# Heart: John 4:23-24



In 2024, how will you show  
your worship?

- Through **Posture**
- In **Church Meetings**
- In **Heart**



The image shows a close-up of a musical score for the hymn "The First Noel". The score is written on several staves with lyrics underneath. A central yellow box with a red border contains the title "Hymn #204 'The First Noel'" in bold, dark red and black text. The background is a green gradient.

**Hymn #204**  
**“The First Noel”**

... that ev - er was heard,  
... low He liv - eth  
... sweet - est that ev - er was heard,

... us, Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
... bor, Tell of the sor - row He bore,  
... ter, Clear - er than ev - er I see;

D. C. for Chorus

... to earth,  
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... the like

... else could