

VI. Why would God need people to worship Him?

93. " ... the common negative (and incorrect) view of worship that many skeptics have. The find it _____ and _____ that a supposedly _____ God would be _____ of human _____."
94. The author's "favorite way to define worship is this: Worship is _____ to _____ that God is _____ all that we _____."
95. "... even when skeptics grant that a _____ God might _____ worship, they often question why He would _____ or _____ it."
96. "Just because the bible says we _____ worship god doesn't mean God _____ us to worship Him."
97. Why is it not arrogant of God to want us to worship Him?
- a. _____

98. So, if God doesn't want us to worship Him because He's arrogant (or needy or "jealous"), why does He want us to worship Him?
- a. _____

99. "When we understand God's _____, we start to grasp that our deepest _____ for _____ can only be _____ by _____ to Him with the _____ devotion of our lives. ... Worship is a _____ response to an appropriate understanding of _____ God is, _____ an act of _____ humility before an _____ -seeking Creator."
100. Do you agree that worship includes "praying, reading the Bible, singing, giving ... , serving others, striving to live a Christ-like life, and attending church."? Is there anything you would change or add to that list?
- a. _____

101. John Piper contends that neither spirit (emotion) nor truth (sound doctrine) alone can result in “true worship”. From his work, *Desiring God*, he says, “But true worship comes from people who are deeply _____ and who _____ deep and sound _____.”
102. Extra credit: What implications does John Piper’s definition of true worship have for Christian apologetics?
- a. _____

103. “Ironically, the human concern about God’s desire for worship says more about our *pride* than His. We don’t want to think we need to “_____” to anyone... even if we’re talking about the Creator of the universe. But that reluctance is rooted in our inability to fully _____ God’s _____.
104. God, _____ any human or earthly thing, actually _____ our worship. He doesn’t need it, but seeks it because He knows our _____ devotion is the _____ of our very _____.
105. When we dedicate all that we are to Him— in _____ and in _____ — it satisfies our _____ and gives God the _____ He is _____.”

VII. Why is God so hidden?

106. The author states, “I think we can all agree that it _____ like, if God exists, He _____ want to make Himself a bit more obvious. But we have to acknowledge that we’re not in a position to know _____ about how God _____ act if He _____ to exist.”
107. “An all-knowing deity would have _____ more perspective than we do and may have perfectly good _____ for _____ acting in the ways we _____ expect or _____.”
108. “in fact, God could choose to create the whole world and _____ touch it again. There’s no _____ connection, therefore, between the mere _____ of God and the _____ make Himself _____ to us.”

109. So, God has no obligation, logically, to do anything to reveal Himself to us; but what does the Bible tell us in 1 Timothy 2:4 and John 14:6; and why does that make this objection to God's hiddenness more difficult?

a. 1 Tim 2:4 -

b. John 14:6 - -

c.

110. "Many people believe human _____ is _____ for us to genuinely love God..."

111. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

a.

112. "Atheists are quick to _____ there is absolutely no sign or evidence of God in the world. They say He is completely _____ and therefore there is no _____ to believe He _____."

113. "Christians, however, believe God has _____ Himself to us—perhaps not in the overly obvious ways _____ might _____, but in ways that God has deemed _____ for _____ us to _____ Him when we _____."

114. "That's really the heart of the question. It's not whether God has made Himself _____ based on our _____ personal _____, but whether He has revealed Himself _____ for all of mankind. In the Christian view, God has chosen to reveal Himself in several significant ways."

115. Briefly summarize the author's list of the ways God has revealed Himself:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

116. Extra credit: What would you add to or modify in that list based on other sources, such as the book, God's Crime Scene, by J Warner Wallace?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

117. "For some people, no amount of _____ is _____, short of God making a _____ visit to their _____ ... God has clearly decided what is _____ revelation for us to _____ Him."

118. "God might be hidden, but He's not _____."

119. "Instead of _____ us into _____, He gives us _____ revelation and promises that when we _____ seek, we will _____."