

# A Biblical Understanding of True Worship – Adoration

## Exodus 33:12-23; 34:5-7 [p64]

### I. God's Glory is his Total Character: Goodness and Holiness

Ex 33:12-23; 34:5-7

Ex 20:4-6

Deut 7: 9-10

True worship is our response to God who reveals himself in his covenantal relationship with his people as both *good and holy*.

The people respond by falling on their faces with reverence and awe.

#### Lesson

Does our worship today convey a sense of God's goodness AND holiness?

### II. God's Glory is Revealed in his Mighty Acts

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt..."

See Ps 78, 105, 106, 136

### III. Worship is our response to God's Mighty Acts

Neh 9:5-37

1 Pet 2:5,9: "...that you may declare the praises [mighty acts] of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"

Our function as priests is to offer "spiritual sacrifices" (v5). Three characteristics of our priestly ministry:

1. The subject of our praise is God's work for our *redemption* (Rev 5:9-10; 12:10-12; 19:1)
2. Sacrifice includes *offering up ourselves in total surrender* (Rom 12:1-2)
3. It is a corporate act: you (plural) are 'a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...'

#### Lessons

Does our worship proclaim who God is and his mighty acts in Christ?

Does our worship cause us to come to God in total surrender?

Does our worship adequately express our corporate identity?

**Summary:** Worship is not the expression of my feelings about God, but a corporate act of proclaiming the glory of God: his goodness and holiness and his mighty acts of redemption in word and sacrament.