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'WORSHIP'

I.—*Proskuneō*: the worship of homage or obeisance.

1. The only acceptable homage—'in spirit and truth', John 4:24; see vv. 20-23 for the relation between the old worship and the new.

2. The object of homage—the Son (cp. John 5:23).

(a) Of men, Luke 24:32. (b) Of redeemed men, Rev. 5:14; 7:10 etc. (c) Of angels, Heb. 1:6.

3. The acceptable homage of unbelievers—the confession of sin from an awakened conscience, 1 Cor. 14:24, 25.

II.—*Sebazomai*: the worship of adoration and devotion.

1. Perverted devotion—(a) devotion to false gods, Acts 17:23. (b) devotion to the creature, Rom. 1:25. (c) vain worship of the true God, Matt. 15:9.

2. True devotion, Acts 16:14.

III.—*Latreuō*: the worship of service.

1. It is the object of redemption, Heb. 9:14. 2. It is the delight of the redeemed in glory, Rev. 7:15; 22:3. 3. We are exhorted to present ourselves for service, Rom. 12:1.

IV.—*Leitourgeō*: the worship of 'official' service.

1. Apostolic ministration, Rom. 15:16. 2. Priestly ministration—(a) Levitical, Heb. 10:11. (b) Christ's, Heb. 8:6. 3. Believers being the *objects* of angelic ministration, Heb. 1:14. 4. The believer's ministration—(a) Christian giving, Rom. 15:27; 2 Cor. 9:12. (b) the spending of self in service, Phil. 2:17 and 25-30. (c) the ministry of prayer, Acts, 13:2-3.

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