

~OBEISANCE (1042)

[Hebrew, *hish-ta-chawah'*, Greek, *pro-sky-ne'o*]

.. Obeisance In The Christian Greek Scriptures

.. Obeisance To The Glorified Jesus Christ

- The act of bowing, kneeling, prostrating the body, or making some other gesture to betoken submission, or simply the paying of respect. It adequately translates the Hebrew *hish-ta-chawah'* and the Greek *pro-sky-ne'o* in many cases.
- *Hish-ta-chawah'* means, basically, bow down.
- When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (**Genesis 18:2**)
- Such bowing might be done as an act of respect or deference toward another human, as to a king.
- So David rose up afterward and went out from the cave and called out after Saul, saying; My lord the king! At this Saul looked behind him, and David proceeded to bow low with his face to the earth and prostrate himself. (**1 Samuel 24:8**)
- When Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants passing along toward him, Araunah at once went out and bowed down to the king with his face to the earth. (**2 Samuel 24:20**)
- And the king will long for your prettiness, for he is your lord, so bow down to him. (**Psalms 45:11**)
- The High Priest
- And it must occur that anyone left over in your house will come and **bow down** to him for the payment of money and a round loaf of bread, and will certainly say; Attach me, please, to one of the priestly offices to eat a piece of bread. (**1 Samuel 2:36**)
- A prophet
- When the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho saw him

some way off, they began to say; The spirit of Elijah has settled down upon Elisha. Accordingly they came to meet him and **bowed** down to him to the earth. (**2 Kings 2:15**)

- **Or other person of authority,**
- After that he had still another dream, and he related it to his brothers and said; Here I have had a dream once more, and here the sun and the moon and eleven stars were **bowing down** to me. (**Genesis 37:9**)
- Then he related it to his father as well as his brothers, and his father began to rebuke him and say to him; What does this dream that you have dreamed mean? Am I and also your mother and your brothers for certain going to come and **bow down** to the earth to you? (**Genesis 37:10**)
- And Joseph was the man in power over the land. He was the one that did the selling to all people of the earth. Consequently Joseph's brothers came and bowed low to him with their faces to the earth. (**Genesis 42:6**)
- Later Boaz said to Ruth; You have heard, have you not, my daughter? Do not go away to glean in another field, and you must also not cross over from this place, and in that way you should keep close by my young women. (**Ruth 2:8**)
- Let your eyes be on the field that they will harvest, and you must go with them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, you must also go to the vessels and drink from what the young men will draw. (**Ruth 2:9**)
- At that she fell upon her face and bowed down to the earth and said to him; How is it I have found favor in your eyes so that I am taken notice of, when I am a foreigner? (**Ruth 2:10**)
- **To an elder relative**
- In time Jacob raised his eyes and looked, and here Esau was coming and with him four hundred men. Consequently he divided off the children to Leah and to Rachel and to the two maidservants. (**Genesis 33:1**)
- And he put the maidservants and their children foremost and

Leah and her children after them and Rachel and Joseph to the rear of them. ([Genesis 33:2](#))

- And he himself passed on ahead of them and proceeded to bow down to the earth seven times until he got near to his brother. ([Genesis 33:3](#))
- And Esau went running to meet him, and he began to embrace him and fall upon his neck and kiss him, and they burst into tears. ([Genesis 33:4](#))
- Then he raised his eyes and saw the women and the children and said; Who are these with you? To which he said; The children with whom God has favored your servant. ([Genesis 33:5](#))
- At that the maidservants came forward, they and their children, and bowed down. ([Genesis 33:6](#))
- And Israel went on to say to Joseph; I had no idea of seeing your face, but here God has let me see also your offspring. ([Genesis 48:11](#))
- After that Joseph brought them out away from his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. ([Genesis 48:12](#))
- At once Moses went on out to meet his father-in-law, and he proceeded to prostrate himself and to kiss him, and they each one began asking how the other was getting along. After that they went into the tent. ([Exodus 18:7](#))
- So Bath-sheba came in to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. At once the king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat down upon his throne and had a throne set for the mother of the king, that she might sit at his right. ([1 Kings 2:19](#))
- Or even to strangers as an expression of courteous regard.
- Now the two angels arrived at Sodom by evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot caught sight of them, then he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the earth. ([Genesis 19:1](#))
- And he proceeded to say; Please, now, my lords, turn aside,

please, into the house of your servant and stay overnight and have your feet washed. Then you must get up early and travel on your way. To this they said; No, but in the public square is where we shall stay overnight. (**Genesis 19:2**)

- **Abraham bowed down to the Canaanite sons of Heth from whom he sought to buy a burial place.**
- **Thereupon Abraham got up and bowed down to the natives, to the sons of Heth. (**Genesis 23:7**)**
- **Isaac's blessing on Jacob called for national groups and Jacob's own brothers to **bow down** to him.**
- **Let peoples serve you and let national groups bow low to you. Become master over your brothers, and let the sons of your mother **bow low** to you. Cursed be each one of those cursing you, and blessed be each one of those blessing you. (**Genesis 27:29**)**
- **As for you, Judah, your brothers will **laud** you. Your hand will be on the back of the neck of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. (**Genesis 49:8**)**
- **When men started to bow down before David's son Absalom, he grabbed them and kissed them, evidently to further his political ambitions by making a show of putting himself on a level with them.**
- **It also occurred that, when a man drew near to **bow down** to him, he thrust his hand out and grabbed hold of him and kissed him. (**2 Samuel 15:5**)**
- **And Absalom kept doing a thing like this to all Israelites that would come in for judgment to the king, and Absalom kept stealing the hearts of the men of Israel. (**2 Samuel 15:6**)**
- **Mordecai refused to **prostrate** himself before Haman, not because he viewed the practice as wrong in itself, but doubtless because this high Persian official was an **accursed Amalekite by descent**.**
- **After these things King Ahasuerus magnified Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite and proceeded to exalt him and to put his throne above all the other princes that were with him. (**Esther 3:1**)**

- **And all the kings servants that were in the kings gate were bowing low and prostrating themselves to Haman, for so the king had commanded respecting him. But as for Mordecai, he would neither **bow low** nor prostrate himself. (Esther 3:2)**
- **And the kings servants who were in the kings gate began to say to Mordecai; Why are you sidestepping the king's commandment? (Esther 3:3)**
- **And it came about that, as they talked to him day by day, and he did not listen to them, then they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's affairs would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. (Esther 3:4)**
- **Now Haman kept seeing that Mordecai was not bowing low and prostrating himself to him, and Haman became filled with rage. (Esther 3:5)**
- **But it was despicable in his eyes to lay hand upon Mordecai alone, for they had told him about Mordecai's people, and Haman began seeking to annihilate all the Jews who were in all the realm of Ahasuerus, Mordecai's people. (Esther 3:6)**
- **From the above examples it is clear that this Hebrew term of itself does not necessarily have a religious sense or signify worship. Nevertheless, in a large number of cases it is used in connection with worship, either of the true God**
- **And to Moses he said; Go up to Yehowah, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the older men of Israel, and you must bow down from a distance. (Exodus 24:1)**
- **O come in, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before Yehowah our Maker. (Psalms 95:6)**
- **And it must occur in that day that there will be a blowing on a great horn, and those who are perishing in the land of Assyria and those who are dispersed in the land of Egypt will certainly come and bow down to Yehowah in the holy mountain in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 27:13)**
- **And it will certainly occur that from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath all flesh will come in to bow down**

before me, Yehowah has said. ([Isaiah 66:23](#))

- **Or of false gods.**
- **And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow down to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:19](#))**
- **And it must occur that if you should at all forget Yehowah your God and you should actually walk after other gods and serve them and **bow down** to them, I do bear witness against you today that you people will absolutely perish. ([Deuteronomy 8:19](#))**
- **Watch out for yourselves for fear your heart may be enticed, and you do turn aside and worship other gods and **bow down** to them. ([Deuteronomy 11:16](#))**
- **Persons might bow down in prayer to God.**
- **Moses at once hurried to **bow low** to the earth and prostrate himself. ([Exodus 34:8](#))**
- **And Job proceeded to get up and rip his sleeveless coat apart and cut the hair off his head and fall to the earth and **bow down**. ([Job 1:20](#))**
- **And say; Naked I came out of my mothers belly, And naked shall I return there. Yehowah himself has given, and Yehowah himself has taken away. Let the name of Yehowah continue to be blessed. ([Job 1:21](#))**
- **And often **prostrated** themselves upon receiving some revelation from God or some expression or evidence of his favor, thereby showing their **gratitude, reverence, and humble submission to his will**.**
- **And he went on to say; Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please. Is there any room at the house of your father for us to spend the night? ([Genesis 24:23](#))**
- **At that she said to him; I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. ([Genesis 24:24](#))**

- And she said further to him; There is both straw and much fodder with us, also a place to spend the night. (**Genesis 24:25**)
- And the man proceeded to **bow down and prostrate himself** before Yehowah. (**Genesis 24:26**)
- Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said; From Yehowah this thing has issued. We are unable to speak bad or good to you. (**Genesis 24:50**)
- Here is Rebekah before you. Take her and go, and let her become a wife to the son of your master, just as Yehowah has spoken. (**Genesis 24:51**)
- And it came about that when Abraham's servant had heard their words, he at once **prostrated himself** on the earth before Yehowah. (**Genesis 24:52**)
- At this the people believed. When they heard that Yehowah had turned his attention to the sons of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed down and prostrated themselves. (**Exodus 4:31**)
- Then you must say; It is the sacrifice of the Passover to Yehowah, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when he plagued the Egyptians, but he delivered our houses. Then the people bowed low and prostrated themselves. (**Exodus 12:27**)
- Subsequently the sons of Israel went and did just as Yehowah had commanded Moses and Aaron. They did just so. (**Exodus 12:28**)
- And all the sons of Israel were spectators when the fire came down and the glory of Yehowah was upon the house, and they immediately **bowed low** with their faces to the earth upon the pavement and prostrated themselves and thanked Yehowah, for he is good, for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite. (**2 Chronicles 7:3**)
- Now as for Jahaziel the son of Zechariah the son of Benaiah the son of Jeiel the son of Mattaniah the Levite of the sons of Asaph, the spirit of Yehowah came to be upon him in the middle of the congregation. (**2 Chronicles 20:14**)

- **Consequently he said; Pay attention, all Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat! Here is what Yehowah has said to you, Do not you be afraid or be terrified because of this large crowd, for the battle is not yours, but God's. (2 Chronicles 20:15)**
- **Tomorrow go down against them. There they are coming up by the pass of Ziz, and you will be certain to find them at the end of the torrent valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel. (2 Chronicles 20:16)**
- **You will not need to fight in this instance. Take your position, stand still and see the salvation of Yehowah in your behalf. O Judah and Jerusalem, do not be afraid or be terrified. Tomorrow go out against them, and Yehowah will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:17)**
- **At once Jehoshaphat **bowed low** with his face to the earth, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem themselves fell down before Yehowah to do **obeisance** to Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 20:18)**
- **Then the Levites of the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites rose up to praise Yehowah the God of Israel with an extraordinarily loud voice. (2 Chronicles 20:19)**
- **The secrets of his heart become manifest, so that he will fall upon his face and worship God, declaring; God is really among you. (1 Corinthians 14:25)**
- **After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. (Revelation 19:1)**
- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (Revelation 19:2)**
- **And right away for the second time they said; Praise Yah, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. (Revelation 19:3)**

- And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God seated upon the throne, and said; Amen! Praise Yah, you people! (**Revelation 19:4**)
- **Bowing down** to human's as an act of respect was admissible, but **bowing** to anyone other than Yehowah **as a deity** was prohibited by God.
- You must **not bow down to their gods** or be induced to serve them, and you must not make anything like their works, but you will without fail throw them down and you will without fail break down their sacred pillars. (**Exodus 23:24**)
- For you must **not prostrate yourself to another god**, because Yehowah, whose name is Jealous, he is a jealous God. (**Exodus 34:14**)
- Similarly, the worshipful bowing down to religious images or to any created thing was positively condemned.
- You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Exodus 20:4**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- You must not make valueless gods for yourselves, and you must not set up a carved image or a sacred pillar for yourselves, and you must not put a stone as a showpiece in your land in order to bow down toward it, for I am Yehowah your God. (**Leviticus 26:1**)
- And you must take good care of your souls, because you did not see any form on the day of Yehowah's speaking to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire. (**Deuteronomy 4:15**)
- That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved image, the form of any symbol, the

representation of male or female. ([Deuteronomy 4:16](#))

- The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:17](#))
- The representation of anything moving on the ground, the representation of any fish that is in the waters under the earth. ([Deuteronomy 4:18](#))
- And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow down to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:19](#))
- And their land is filled with valueless gods. To the work of ones hands they **bow down**, to that which ones fingers have made. ([Isaiah 2:8](#))
- And earthling man **bows down**, and man becomes low, and you cannot possibly pardon them. ([Isaiah 2:9](#))
- In that day the earthling man will throw his worthless gods of silver and his valueless gods of gold that they had made for him to **bow before** to the shrewmice and to the bats. ([Isaiah 2:20](#))
- In order to enter into the holes in the rocks and into the clefts of the crags, because of the dreadfulness of Yehowah and from his splendid superiority, when he rises up for the earth to suffer shocks. ([Isaiah 2:21](#))
- Thus, in the Hebrew Scriptures, when certain of Yehowah's servants prostrated themselves before angels, they only did so to show they recognized that these were God's representatives, not to render **obeisance** to them as deities.
- And it came about when Joshua happened to be by Jericho that he proceeded to raise his eyes and look, and there there was a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand. So Joshua walked up to him and said to him; Are you for us or for our adversaries? ([Joshua 5:13](#))
- To this he said; No, but I, as prince of the army of Yehowah I

have now come. With that Joshua fell on his face to the earth and prostrated himself and said to him; What is my lord saying to his servant? (**Joshua 5:14**)

- In turn the prince of the army of Yehowah said to Joshua; Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place on which you are standing is holy. At once Joshua did so. (**Joshua 5:15**)
- Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of Mamre, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. (**Genesis 18:1**)
- When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (**Genesis 18:2**)
- Then he said; Yehowah, if, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. (**Genesis 18:3**)

· Obeisance In The Christian Greek Scriptures

- The **Greek** *pro-sky-ne'o* corresponds closely to the **Hebrew** *hish-ta-chawah'* as to conveying the thought of both **obeisance** to creatures and worship to God or a deity.
- The **manner** of expressing the obeisance is perhaps not so prominent in *pro-sky-ne'o* as in *hish-ta-chawah'*, where the **Hebrew** term graphically conveys the thought of **prostration or bowing down**.
- Scholars derive the **Greek** term from the verb *ky-ne'o*, **kiss**. The usage of the word in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, as also in the **Greek Septuagint** translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, shows that persons to whose actions the term is applied prostrated themselves or bowed down.
- And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did **obeisance** to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (**Matthew 2:11**)
- Therefore the slave fell down and began to do **obeisance** to him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay back everything to you. (**Matthew 18:26**)

- And, look! Jesus met them and said; Good day! They approached and caught him by his feet and did **obeisance** to him. (**Matthew 28:9**)
- As with the **Hebrew** term, the context must be considered to determine whether *pro-sky-ne'o* refers to **obeisance** solely in the form of deep respect or obeisance in the form of religious worship. Where reference is directly to God.
- Our forefathers worshiped in this mountain, but you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where persons ought to worship. (**John 4:20**)
- Jesus said to her; Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you people worship the Father. (**John 4:21**)
- You worship what you do not know, we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. (**John 4:22**)
- Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father with spirit and truth, for, indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ones to worship him. (**John 4:23**)
- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (**John 4:24**)
- The secrets of his heart become manifest, so that he will fall upon his face and worship God, declaring; God is really among you. (**1 Corinthians 14:25**)
- The twenty-four elders fall down before the One seated upon the throne and worship the One that lives forever and ever, and they cast their crowns before the throne, saying; (**Revelation 4:10**)
- Or to false gods and their idols
- But it was the tent of Moloch and the star of the god Rephan that you took up, the figures which you made to worship them. Consequently I will deport you beyond Babylon. (**Acts of Apostles 7:43**)

- But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they should not worship the demons and the idols of gold and silver and copper and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. **(Revelation 9:20)**
- It is evident that the **obeisance** goes beyond that acceptably or customarily rendered to men and enters the field of worship. So, too, where the object of the **obeisance** is left unstated, its being directed to God is understood.
- Now there were some Greeks among those that came up to worship at the festival. **(John 12:20)**
- With that he rose and went, and, look! An Ethiopian eunuch, a man in power under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, and who was over all her treasure. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship. **(Acts of Apostles 8:27)**
- As you are in a position to find out that for me it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem. **(Acts of Apostles 24:11)**
- By faith Jacob, when about to die, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshiped leaning upon the top of his staff. **(Hebrews 11:21)**
- And a reed like a rod was given me as he said; Get up and measure the temple sanctuary of God and the altar and those worshiping in it. **(Revelation 11:1)**
- On the other hand, the action of those of the synagogue of Satan who are made to come and do **obeisance** before the feet of Christians is clearly not worship.
- Look! I will give those from the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews, and yet they are not but are lying, look! I will make them come and do **obeisance** before your feet and make them know I have loved you. **(Revelation 3:9)**
- **Obeisance** to a human king is found in Jesus illustration at;
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(Matthew 18:26)

- It is evident that this was the kind of **obeisance** that the astrologers rendered to the child Jesus, born king of the Jews, that Herod professed interest in expressing, and that the soldiers mockingly rendered to Jesus before his impalement. They clearly did not view Jesus as God or as a deity.
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him **obeisance**. (Matthew 2:2)
- And, when sending them to Bethlehem, he said; Go make a careful search for the young child, and when you have found it report back to me, that I too may go and do it **obeisance**. (Matthew 2:8)
- Also, they would hit him on the head with a reed and spit upon him and, bending their knees, they would do **obeisance** to him. (Mark 15:19)
- While some translators use the word, **worship**, in the majority of cases where *pro-sky-ne'o*, describes persons actions toward Jesus, the evidence does not warrant ones reading too much into this rendering. Rather, the circumstances that evoked the **obeisance** correspond very closely to those producing **obeisance** to the earlier prophets and kings.
- And, look! A leprous man came up and began doing **obeisance** to him, saying; Lord, if you just want to, you can make me clean. (Matthew 8:2)
- While he was telling them these things, look! A certain ruler who had approached began to do **obeisance** to him, saying; By now my daughter must be dead, but come and lay your hand upon her and she will come to life. (Matthew 9:18)
- When the woman came she began doing **obeisance** to him, saying; Lord, help me! (Matthew 15:25)
- When Abigail caught sight of David, she at once hastened and got down off the ass and **fell upon her face before David** and bowed to the earth. (1 Samuel 25:23)
- She then fell at his feet and said; Upon me myself, O my lord, be

the error, and, please, let your slave girl speak in your ears, and listen to the words of your slave girl. (**1 Samuel 25:24**)

- And the Tekoite woman proceeded to come in to the king and fall upon her face to the earth and prostrate herself and say; Do save, O king! (**2 Samuel 14:4**)
- To this the king said to her; What is the matter with you? To this she said; For a fact I am a widowed woman, now that my husband is dead. (**2 Samuel 14:5**)
- And your maidservant had two sons, and the two of them began to struggle with each other in the field while there was no deliverer to part them. Finally the one struck the other down and put him to death. (**2 Samuel 14:6**)
- And here all the family have risen up against your maidservant and keep saying; Give over the striker of his brother, that we may put him to death for the soul of his brother whom he killed, and let us even annihilate the heir! And they will certainly extinguish the glow of my charcoals that has remained, so as to assign to my husband neither a name nor a remnant on the surface of the ground. (**2 Samuel 14:7**)
- Then Bath-sheba **bowed low and prostrated herself** to the king, upon which the king said; What do you have to ask? (**1 Kings 1:16**)
- He now called Gehazi and said; Call this Shunammite woman. So he called her and she came in to him. Then he said; Lift up your son. (**2 Kings 4:36**)
- And she proceeded to come in and fall at his feet and bow down to him to the earth, after which she lifted up her son and went out. (**2 Kings 4:37**)
- The very expressions of those involved often reveal that, while they clearly recognized Jesus as God's representative, they rendered **obeisance** to him, not as to God or a deity, but as God's Son, the foretold, Son of man, the Messiah with divine authority.
- On many occasions their **obeisance** expressed a gratitude for divine revelation or evidence of favor like that expressed in earlier times.

- And after they got up into the boat, the windstorm abated. (Matthew 14:32)
- Then those in the boat did **obeisance** to him, saying; You are really God's Son. (Matthew 14:33)
- But the angel in answer said to the women; Do not you be fearful, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was impaled. (Matthew 28:5)
- He is not here, for he was raised up, as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying. (Matthew 28:6)
- And go quickly and tell his disciples that he was raised up from the dead, and, look! He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see him. Look! I have told you. (Matthew 28:7)
- So, quickly leaving the memorial tomb, with fear and great joy, they ran to report to his disciples. (Matthew 28:8)
- And, look! Jesus met them and said; Good day! They approached and caught him by his feet and did **obeisance** to him. (Matthew 28:9)
- Then Jesus said to them; Have no fear! Go, report to my brothers, that they may go off into Galilee, and there they will see me. (Matthew 28:10)
- However, the eleven disciples went into Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them. (Matthew 28:16)
- And when they saw him they did **obeisance**, but some doubted. (Matthew 28:17)
- And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. (Matthew 28:18)
- But he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. (Luke 24:50)
- As he was blessing them he was parted from them and began to be borne up to heaven. (Luke 24:51)

- And they did **obeisance** to him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (**Luke 24:52**)
- Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and, on finding him, he said; Are you putting faith in the Son of man? (**John 9:35**)
- Then he said; I do put faith in him, Lord. And he did **obeisance** to him. (**John 9:38**)
- While earlier prophets and also angels had accepted **obeisance**, Peter stopped Cornelius from rendering such to him, and the angel or angels of John's vision twice stopped John from doing so, referring to himself as, a fellow slave, and concluding with the exhortation to worship God, *toi The-oi' pro-sky'ne-son*.
- As Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet and did **obeisance** to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:25**)
- But Peter lifted him up, saying; Rise. I myself am also a man. (**Acts of Apostles 10:26**)
- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)
- Well, I John was the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that had been showing me these things. (**Revelation 22:8**)
- But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who are prophets and of those who are observing the words of this scroll. Worship God. (**Revelation 22:9**)
- Evidently Christ's coming had brought in new relationships affecting standards of conduct toward others of God's servants. He taught his disciples that one is your teacher, whereas all you are brothers. Your Leader is one, the Christ
- But you, do not you be called Rabbi, for one is your teacher, whereas all you are brothers. (**Matthew 23:8**)

- **Moreover, do not call anyone your father on earth, for one is your Father, the heavenly One. (Matthew 23:9)**
- **Neither be called leaders, for your Leader is one, the Christ. (Matthew 23:10)**
- **But the greatest one among you must be your minister. (Matthew 23:11)**
- **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)**
- **For it was in him that the prophetic figures and types found their fulfillment, even as the angel told John that the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying.**
- **At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (Revelation 19:10)**
- **Jesus was David's Lord, the greater than Solomon, the prophet greater than Moses.**
- **In turn he said to them; How is it they say that the Christ is David's son? (Luke 20:41)**
- **For David himself says in the book of Psalms; Yehowah said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand (Luke 20:42)**
- **Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Luke 20:43)**
- **The queen of the south will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but, look! Something more than Solomon is here. (Matthew 12:42)**
- **Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 3:19)**
- **And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.**

(Acts of Apostles 3:20)

- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:22**)
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (**Acts of Apostles 3:23**)
- And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (**Acts of Apostles 3:24**)
- The **obaisance** rendered those men prefigured that due Christ. Peter therefore rightly refused to let Cornelius make too much of him.
- So, too, John, by virtue of having been declared righteous or justified by God as an anointed Christian, called to be a heavenly son of God and a member of the Kingdom, was in a different relationship to the angel(s) of Revelation than were the Israelites to the angels that had earlier appeared to them. The angel(s) evidently recognized this change of relationship when rejecting John's **obaisance**.
- Do you not know that we shall judge angels? Why, then, not matters of this life? (**1 Corinthians 6:3**)

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- On the other hand, Christ Jesus has been exalted by his Father to a position second only to God, so that in the name of Jesus **every knee should bend** of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground, and every tongue should **openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord** to the glory of God the Father.
- For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name.

(Philippians 2:9)

- So that in the name of Jesus **every knee should bend** of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground. (Philippians 2:10)
- And every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:11)
- I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! with the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming, and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. (Daniel 7:13)
- And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin. (Daniel 7:14)
- And the kingdom and the rulership and the grandeur of the kingdoms under all the heavens were given to the people who are the holy ones of the Supreme One. Their kingdom is an indefinitely lasting kingdom, and all the rulerships will serve and obey even them. (Daniel 7:27)
- But when he again brings his Firstborn into the inhabited earth, he says; And let all God's angels do **obeisance** to him. (Hebrews 1:6)
- Also shows that even the angels render **obeisance** to the resurrected Jesus Christ. Many translations of this text here render *pro-sky-ne'o* as **worship**, while some render it by such expressions as **bow before**, **AT**, **Yg** and **pay homage NE**.
- No matter what English term is used, the original **Greek** remains the same and the understanding of what it is that the angels render to Christ must accord with the rest of the Scriptures. Jesus himself emphatically stated to Satan that **it is Yehowah your God you must worship**, form of *pro-sky-ne'o*, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.
- Again the Devil took him along to an unusually high mountain,

and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
([Matthew 4:8](#))

- And he said to him; All these things I will give you if you fall down and do an act of **worship** to me. ([Matthew 4:9](#))
- Then Jesus said to him; Go away, Satan! For it is written: It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. ([Matthew 4:10](#))
- You, therefore, if you do an act of worship before me, it will all be yours. ([Luke 4:7](#))
- In reply Jesus said to him; It is written: It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. ([Luke 4:8](#))
- Similarly, the angel(s) told John to, worship God.
- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. ([Revelation 19:10](#))
- But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who are prophets and of those who are observing the words of this scroll. **Worship God.** ([Revelation 22:9](#))
- And this injunction came after Jesus resurrection and exaltation, showing that matters had not changed in this regard. True. ([Psalms Chapter 97](#)), which the apostle evidently quotes at;
- But when he again brings his Firstborn into the inhabited earth, he says; And let all God's angels do **obeisance** to him. ([Hebrews 1:6](#))
- Refers to Yehowah God as the object of the **bowing down**, and still this text was applied to Christ Jesus.
- Yehowah himself has become king! Let the earth be joyful. Let the many islands rejoice. ([Psalms 97:1](#))

- Let all those serving any carved image be ashamed, those who are making their boast in valueless gods. **Bow down** to him, all you gods. (**Psalms 97:7**)

- However, the apostle previously had shown that the resurrected Christ is the reflection of God's glory and the exact representation of his very being.

- God, who long ago spoke on many occasions and in many ways to our forefathers by means of the prophets. (**Hebrews 1:1**)

- Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. (**Hebrews 1:2**)

- He is the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. (**Hebrews 1:3**)

- Hence, if what we understand as, **worship**, is apparently directed to the Son by angels, it is in reality being directed through him to Yehowah God, the Sovereign Ruler, the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

- Saying in a loud voice; Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. (**Revelation 14:7**)

- The twenty-four elders fall down before the One seated upon the throne and worship the One that lives forever and ever, and they cast their crowns before the throne, saying; (**Revelation 4:10**)

- You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. (**Revelation 4:11**)

- And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (**Revelation 7:11**)

- **Saying; Amen! The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 7:12)**
- **And the twenty-four elders who were seated before God upon their thrones fell upon their faces and worshiped God. (Revelation 11:16)**
- **Saying; We thank you, Yehowah God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun ruling as king. (Revelation 11:17)**
- **And David went on to say to all the congregation; Bless, now, Yehowah your God. And all the congregation proceeded to bless Yehowah the God of their forefathers and bow low and prostrate themselves to Yehowah and to the king. (1 Chronicles 29:20)**
- **And every creature that is in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying; To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever. (Revelation 5:13)**
- **And the four living creatures went saying; Amen! And the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:14)**
- **And I did not see a temple in it, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is. (Revelation 21:22)**
- **On the other hand, the renderings, **bow before** and **pay homage**, instead of **worship**, are in no way out of harmony with the original language, either the **Hebrew** of;**
- **Let all those serving any carved image be ashamed, those who are making their boast in valueless gods. Bow down to him, all you gods. (Psalms 97:7)**
- **Or the Greek of;**
- **But when he again brings his Firstborn into the inhabited earth, he says; And let all God's angels do **obeisance** to him. (Hebrews 1:6)**

- For such translations convey the basic sense of both *hish-ta-chawah'* and *pro-sky-ne'o*.