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NWT use of the word 'obesience' in connection with Jesus

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#21

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No, read me again. However, if you like, the TEV reads: "...but he did not think by force he should try to become equal with God."



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Jesus is not just an "intermediary figure" like an angel could be or like a patriarch and the 'worship' he recieves is because he is the one who has been used by God and highly exalted by God above all creatures including angels. It is then no surprise he recieves what he does but it still falls short of him being "God", for he recieves that which he does not for being "God," with whom he is consistently distinguished from, but what he has done *for God* and for the exalted position he has been *given by his God*. So while there is indeed a "difference" in the 'worship' or rather "obesience" he receives from others who also recieved proskyneo it still does not make him "God."



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#23

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And Jehovah God Said In His Glory He Will Not Give To Another.....katie, Are You Calling Jehovah A Lier



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#24

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Quote:

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But the WTS points to the obeisance given to these intermediary figures to justify translating *prosekuno* as obeisance when applied to Christ. I am merely pointing out that such a comparison is unwarranted and certainly isn't demanded. The *prosekuno* given to Jesus differs a great, great deal from the *prosekuno* given to these other figures. Therefore, there's no justification in pointing to intermediary figures to support the obeisance translation when *prosekuno* is applied to Jesus.

If, as you say, *prosekuno* applied to Jesus still means the lesser sense (obeisance) even though it's a greater sense than the obeisance given to intermediary figures...How is the cultic devotion practices listed by Hurtado **not** worship?

Would you say that cultic meals (the Lord's Supper) isn't worship?

Singing Jesus hymns isn't worship?

Confessing/invoking Jesus' name isn't worship?

[The 6](#) areas Hurtado discusses are cultic devotional practices, reverance that properly belongs **only** to God. Yet, they are given **to Jesus**.

I, btw, really need to look up how to spell *prosekuno*. I don't think I've got it quite right, LOL.



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Your statement is just false. Jesus is God and that is why he deserves worship. Also, yes we do read that he is both God and Man as in HEbrews where he is the exact representation of God! He was also obviously a man because he was able to be tempted, died on a Cross (not a stake, but a cross and we have non-Christian proof of this) and was the I Am. Obviously this was why the Sadduceus tore their clothes. We know that he claimed to be God by his pronouncements.

Dan



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#26


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Then why God told his angals to worship him. Him Who? Jesus.

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[Heb 1:6](#)



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Yeah I Agree 100%.... But The Watchtower Stripped Out Every Word Worship Referring To Jesus But They Forgot [Rev 5:11-13](#). You See God Is Good, That He Had The Devil Himself Blinded To This Verse So It Could Be Told Of Their Lies And Robbery Of Texts

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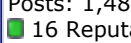



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Quote:

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Yes, because this means others other than God can receive proskyne...not that they are the same in each case!

And Hurtado can claim it is "cultic" worship but that is another matter. Jesus has a certain place, second only to God Himself, certain authority, second only to God HImself, but whatever it is it is not his being "God" that he has, but that he *recieves* such high praise and because of his exalted position *but it is the will of God that he does*. Only a creature can be *exalted* as Jesus has been.




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#29

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Katie -

What, bibilically, do you believe is given to Jehovah in the form of worship that is not given to Jesus? If we are to distinguish a difference between those types of "worship" and classify one as "lessor," there must be defining characteristics that differentiate the types or we could never tell them apart.



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#30

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **katierussell** *Some other translations at [Hebrews 1:6](#) uses not the word "worship" but another word/expression such as the NEB's "pay him homage." Abbott-Smith's Greek-English Lexicon says for the word proskyneo "to make obiesance, do reverence, worship.." The word is used at [Revelation 3:9](#) by the way and the NAB while it has "worship" at [Hebrews 1:6](#) has "fall prostrate at your feet"(proskynesousin, being the 3rd person future) at [Rev 3:9](#). Likewise the NAS has "worship" at [Heb 1:6](#) and "come and bow down at your feet" at [Rev 3:9](#). Obviously then, the word does not always mean religious worship but meaning an act or an attitude of respect/reverence which the word "obiesance" means.*

It is a bit amusing (if it wasn't sad) that the NWTT translated [Heb 1:6](#) as "worship" in its first (1950?) edition, realized it's "mistake", and "corrected" it to "obiesance" in the next edition.

As Homer would say, "DOH!" 😊

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#31

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Laurie** *[b]Does anyone have any info on the use of the word obiesance in connection with Jesus in the NWT.*

Here is a little chart I made (found on the internet? don't remember) re proskuneo in the NWT.

- Scripture / Object / NWT translation
- [Rev 22:8](#) Angel worship
  - [Rev 9:20](#) Demons worship
  - [Luke 4:7](#) Devil worship
  - [Matt 4:9](#) Devil worship
  - [Rev 19:20](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 16:2](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 20:4](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 14:11](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 14:9](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 13:4](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 13:15](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 13:12](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 13:8](#) Dragon/Beast worship
  - [Rev 3:9](#) Generic obiesance
  - [Matt 18:26](#) Generic obiesance
  - [Rev 11:1](#) Generic worship
  - [Acts 8:27](#) Generic worship
  - [Acts 24:11](#) Generic worship
  - [John 12:20](#) Generic worship
  - [Rev 4:10](#) God worship
  - [Rev 19:4](#) God worship

[Heb 11:21](#) God worship  
[Rev 14:7](#) God worship  
[1Cor 14:25](#) God worship  
[Rev 11:16](#) God worship  
[Matt 4:10](#) God worship  
[Rev 19:10](#) God worship  
[Rev 22:9](#) God worship  
[Rev 15:4](#) God worship  
[Rev 7:11](#) God worship  
[John 4:24](#) God worship  
[John 4:23](#) God worship  
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[John 4:21](#) God worship  
[John 4:20](#) God worship  
[Rev 5:14](#) God worship  
[Luke 4:8](#) God worship  
[Acts 7:43](#) Idols worship  
[Mark 15:19](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Mark 5:6](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 28:17](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 28:9](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 20:20](#) Jesus obeisance  
[John 9:38](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 15:25](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 14:33](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 9:18](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 8:2](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 2:2](#) Jesus obeisance  
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[Matt 2:11](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Matt 2:8](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Luke 24:52](#) Jesus obeisance  
[Acts 10:25](#) Peter obeisance



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Sorry [Rev 5:11-14](#)



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*proskyneo...not that they are the same in each case!*

Yes. Others can receive a lesser *prosekuno*. But you have not shown that the lesser *prosekuno* these others receive is in any way comparable to the lesser *prosekuno* the WTS demands given to Jesus. Nor have you shown how the *prosekuno* given to Jesus is in any way less than the *prosekuno* given to God.

The fact that others are given a lesser *prosekuno* in Scripture does not demand that Jesus receives the same lesser *prosekuno*. It proves only that the word can have that lesser sense. It does not in any way prove that this lesser sense applies to Jesus.

Quote:

And Hurtado can claim it is "cultic" worship but that is another matter.

No, I'd say that is **precisely** the matter at hand here.

Is the *prosekuno* Jesus receives **demonstrably** worship or is it **demonstrably** a lesser form of obeisance? The six areas Hurtado discusses clearly and abundantly proves, that the *prosekuno* Jesus receives is a far cry more than the lesser obeisance the NWT demands.

If not...Okay. Show me. If I'm wrong, tell me how it is I'm wrong. Show me how the Lord's Supper isn't really an act of worship. Explain how/why confessing/invoking Jesus isn't an act of worship, either. Etc, etc.

Sure looks like Jesus has been getting a whole lot of worship to me.



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#34

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Yes, EXACTLY! Every knee will bow to Jesus. It is to the Glory of God the Father, but as stated earlier, the Son shares the Glory with the Father, and has always shared the Glory.

Seeing that Jesus is the object of our Faith, it is serious, when it is faith in Him that saves.

What Jesus is saving you? Some Scriptures say it is faith in God that saves, and some say it is faith in Jesus that saves...so can we have full assurance that Jesus is God when it explicitly states in [Titus 2:13](#) and [Isaiah 9:6](#) Jesus is God? Can we have two Gods...one who gets worship, and one who get's obeisance? Can the object of our faith be a created being? Yet the Bible says very clearly it is faith in Jesus Christ that saves. In fact the Bible clearly says **He came to save His people from their sins**..very personal...Jesus pointed to Himself for Salvation. And only God's blood can purchase us [[Acts 20:28](#)]

IF the JW's are wrong, they are wrong for all eternity...if I'm wrong, oh well, I'll get another chance at the resurrection???

BUT if we are right...

**Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love**

unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers [Eph. 1:15-16]



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#35

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Amen Laurie - what love..... he died for us before we ever born! He planned from the beginning of time that I would be in His kingdom praising Him for eternity. Our God is so awesome!!!

THANK YOU KING JESUS!!! LET YOUR KINGDOM COME SOON!

Until the end of our testing we cannot take for granted our being saved; **and therefore when someone asks, "Brother, are you saved?" we do not give a categorically affirmative reply, but qualify our answer, "Thus far, yes!"**w52 7/1 p391 [See 1Jo 4 truth](#)



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#36

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Worship that acknowledges Jehovah is God and creator, neither which is Jesus. Hence, the worship Jehovah only recieves is religious worship. Jesus does not so recieve but obiesance for his being exalted by God to a position second only to God Himself and which all creation must recognize.



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To do that one would have to exegete several passages in the scriptures. One would find that as Jesus is not God, not the creator but gets proskyneo because of the will of God, His God, because of his being exalted by God, his God, and for what he has done for God(and for us at the same time as it was God's will not his own)then it will be greater than any simple 'intermediary' would get but 'less' that God does for only God gets worship for being God. Jesus is not God, does not get nor cannot get worship as "God." So Jesus proskyneo is of a different kind even though it is a very high form.



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#38

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Quote:

not the creator?

God the Father speaking to the Son:[Hebrews 1:10](#)

"Thou Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens

# are the works of THINE HANDS"

Thine hands  
Thine hands

## Thine hands

**Cross reference this with [Psalm 102:24-25...](#)**

Who is it speaking of? It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out Jesus is

God, but it is whose heart is honest enough to receive it by faith ? 🙄

**Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers [Eph. 1:15-16]**



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[Psalm 102:24-25](#)

24I said, **Oh my God**, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

25Of old hast [thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.]

hint: speaking of God the Father in the old, applied to the Son in the new...

hint:[John 14:9](#) and [John 20:28](#) 😊 😊

If I seem a little frustrated with you Katie it is because you are not even giving Jesus the credit for being the creator. You have attacked my beloved Lord 😞

**Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers [Eph. 1:15-16]**



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[John 1:3](#)

3All things were made by him; [and without him was not any thing made that was made].

Unless you have been completely brainwashed by the WBTS, the Scriptures alone are abundantly clear..Jesus is the creator.

How precious to know that the one who gave us life, can give us Spiritual life [[John 1:12-13](#)] If we would but go to Him alone. 😊

**Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of**



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