

Purpose of Worship

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 10:19-31
2. God's people face two problems relative to worship
 - a. Regular presence
 - b. Participation
3. Worship is both a privilege and responsibility of the Christian (obligation)
4. Our text talks of the possibilities of worship
 - a. We can get into the Most Holy Place verse 19 = heaven John 14:1-3
 - b. This is by the blood of Christ
 - c. First we must be in the Holy Place which is the church where we are to worship
 - d. We have a High Priest over the house of God Verse 21; 1 Timothy 3:15
5. We find thus the purpose of our worship within these passages

II Discussion

1. We have the possibility of drawing near to God Hebrews 10:22;
 - a. We need to draw near to God verse 22
 - i. When we draw near to Him He will draw near to us James 4:7
 - ii. For help Hebrews 4:6; 13:5-6
 - iii. To become like God 1 Peter 1: 15—16; 2 Peter 1:4
 - iv. To be assured of His love John 14:15; 1 John 4:12, 15-16; 5:2-3
 - b. How do we draw near to God
 - i. True heart free from all guile, deceit and hypocrisy; Matthew 5:8
 - ii. Full assurance of faith Hebrews 11:1, 6
 - iii. Clear conscience guilt is removed, we can have confidence to approach God Hebrews 4:16 Genesis 18:27
 - iv. Bodies washed Acts 22:16
2. Reinforce Hope Hebrews 10:23 ASV. Heb 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised"
 - a. All based upon the promises of God 10:23
 - i. God's promise to us Hebrews 6:11-12
 - ii. Abraham's promise Hebrews 6:13-20
 - b. Hope needs renewal
 - i. Worship reminds us of God's reality
 - ii. Worship reminds us of God's power Hebrews 4:12; 1:1-3
3. Provides us with the provoking we need Hebrews 10:24
 - a. Provoke and contention of Acts 15:39 are the same word
 - b. Provoke unto love; motivation for serving good
 - c. Provoke unto good works; manifestation of faith
 - i. Demonstration of faith is seen in James 2:14-26 (works)
 - ii. Purpose Ephesians 2:10
4. Provides us with protection Verses 26-31
 - a. We may sin willfully
 - b. If we do the consequences are great, there is no more blood 1 John 1:7
 - c. It is impossible to be faithful and forsake the assembly
 - d. Many may become unfaithful Hebrews 10:27-31
 - e. Forsake means abandon, leave in straits, or helpless,

III Conclusion

1. "God was in this place and I knew it not" Genesis 28:16
2. Do we come to worship to give or get
3. The Lord is coming again are we ready? Matthew 25:13

Sources: Worship meaning and manifestation; Commentary on Hebrews by Robert Milligan; Vines Dictionary.