

Are you prepared for worship?

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Introduction

1. Psalm 95:1-2; 100
2. Many find worship dull and boring. Psalm 122:1 I wonder if David did?
3. Therefore some want to change worship to make it more exciting.
4. God prescribes what we do in worship. John 4:23-24
5. So if you find worship dull and boring maybe it is you that need changing!
6. Before entering into worship we should examine ourselves 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Corinthians 11:28
7. Three areas that need to be examined 1) with others, outward 2) with God, upward 3) with ourselves, inward.

II Discussion

1. How is our relationship with others (outward)
 - a. This does not mean we should be at peace with sin and error Romans 12:18; 2 John 9-11; Ephesians 5:11
 - b. We should not be guilty of any wrong doing with fellow man. Matthew 5:23-24; 6:15; Psalm 24:3-4
 - c. Our family relationships must be correct also 1 Peter 3:7
 - d. Our relationship to others must be right or our worship is not right!
2. How is our relationship with God (upward)?
 - a. We must obey the Gospel 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Ephesians 2:12; 19-20
 - b. We must live faithfully Acts 10:34-35; John 9:31; Matthew 7:21
 - c. Only priests can worship God! 1 Peter 2:5,9; Revelation 1:6
3. What is our attitude (inward)?
 - a. An attitude of unworthiness? Psalm 51:1-4 Is 6:5; Luke 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:15
 - i. Our society is being oriented toward making everybody feel good about himself, no matter how bad he has been. Anything that causes one to feel guilt is taboo. But the Gospel of our Lord should cause us to know we are unworthy to be God's children, and were it not for God's marvelous grace, our sins would doom us eternally.
 - b. An attitude of gratitude? Luke 17:17; James 1:17
 - c. An Attitude of recognizing God's power and magnificence. Job 26:14; Isaiah 40:22; 57:15; Psalm 8:3-4; Amos 4:13
 - d. An attitude of holiness Isaiah 6:3; Deuteronomy 32:4 Revelation 4:8; 1 Peter 1:16
 - e. An attitude of recognizing God's mercy. Psalm 103:17; John 3:16; Titus 3:4-5
 - f. An attitude of recognizing God's severity 2 Corinthians 5:11; Romans 11:22; Hebrews 10:31; 12:29

III Conclusion

1. Our attitude will affect where we will be in eternity. Matthew 25:46; John 11:26

2. We must , in order to worship correctly, examine ourselves in this threefold manner outward, upward and inward.
3. Can we pass this examination? This is the only way to be prepared to worship God.
4. Have you failed in one or more points – things need to change on your part if so!
5. Now is the time to change!

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