

Worship

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Introduction

1. Matthew 5:23-26
2. There is much need for teaching on worship today, some do not know, some don't understand.
3. Worship suggest reverential adoration
4. Worship involves attitudes and truth John 4:24
5. There are different kinds of worship mentioned Matthew 15:9; Colossians 2:23; Acts 17:23
6. Let us notice several lessons about worship

II Discussion

1. Worship is personal
 - a. Let a man examine himself 1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5 Luke 18:9-14
 - b. We all are to sing Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
 - c. We all must assemble with the saints Hebrews 10:23-25
2. Worship requires preparation
 - a. Any worthwhile endeavor requires preparation; worship is no exception.
 - b. One must focus on what he is doing 1 Corinthians 14:15; 11: 26-29; 16:2 (2 Corinthians 9:7)
3. Worship requires participation
 - a. All are to sing Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
 - b. All are to pray 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42
 - c. All are to participate in the preaching Luke 8:18
4. Worship requires propinquity (nearness) Matthew 5:23-24
 - a. Worship requires closeness to God
 - i. We all are not far from God Acts 17:27
 - ii. Our daily conduct affects our worship Isaiah 1:2-20
 - iii. We are to draw nigh to God James 4:8
 - iv. We draw near, by having our bodies washed with pure water Hebrews 10:22
 - v. Note: The High Priest was to present himself to God by washings and by blood of animals. (Leviticus 16 talks about the Day of Atonement and is worthy to be studied) Only then could he come into the presence of God. We today are priest of God (1 Peter 2:5, 9) and thus must be cleansed with the blood of Christ before we can come nigh to worship God.
 - vi. We are made nigh by the blood of Christ Ephesians 2:13
 - b. Worship requires closeness to brethren Matthew 5:23-24
 - i. We cannot hate a brother and love God 1 John 4:20
 - ii. How can we hate a man who is made in the image of God? Genesis 1:26
 - iii. We cannot serve God without serving our fellowman Matthew 25:35-40

- iv. We must be reconciled to man before our worship is acceptable 2
Corinthians 5:18
- v. It is impossible to settle every difference to everyone's satisfaction
Romans 12:18

III Conclusion

- 1. How close are you to God,
- 2. Do you have anything against a brother
- 3. Make those things right this very day do that you can draw nigh unto God

Sources: Getwell lecture 1982 Sermon on the Mount; Commentary on Hebrews by Milligan; Firm Foundation lecture 1989 John