

Worship

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Introduction

1. John 4:20-23
2. Worship to God is one of the more rewarding, demanding and difficult understandings of life!
 - A. This is the root of attendance problems.
 - B. This is the reason for the lack of involvement.
 - C. The response to this is to make worship easy and fun!
3. Worship to God is an Art
 - A. Image doing something God recognizes
 - B. There is skill demanded – comes from study and experience.
4. Worship defined
 - A. Its literal meaning is “to kiss towards” do reverence to.
 - B. English meaning Reverence paid
 - C. Thus worship is a spiritual exercise not merely an attitude.
5. Let learn four things about worship.

II Discussion

1. We must have knowledge a premise.
 - A. Ignorance and true worship are incompatible!
 1. Jesus said, “You don’t know what you worship.” John 4:22
 2. Paul charged the Athenians with the same kind of worship. Acts 17:22-23
 3. Ignorance may result because of:
 - a. Wrong teaching. Matthew 15:8-9
 - b. Will of man, doing what he wants to do. Colossians 2:23
 - B. Rather we must know God.
 1. Do you know God as your Father?
 2. We know God by doing His will. 1 John 2:3-4
 3. Know God through Christ. John 14:6-9; 17:3
2. We must have the proper person not the place.
 - A. It is easy to confuse the place and worship. Acts 7: 48-50
 1. Do we say, “Let us go to church?”
 2. Notice something about the church. Acts 2:47; 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
 - B. Being at the place of worship does not make one a worshipper.
 1. Does being in a garage make you a car?
 2. Place is expedient Hebrews 10:25
 3. Where this place is a matter of liberty.
 - C. True Worshipers
 1. Truthful, genuine.
 2. Contrasted with what is fanciful, shadowy, counterfeit.
3. The Purpose of Worship.
 - A. It is for us to glorify God.
 1. Spiritual sacrifices. 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1-2

2. Sacrifice of praise Hebrews 13:15
3. David's attitude was the correct one in worship in Psalm 100; 117
- B. Man's needs
 1. Man has the need for security and safety and this is found in God!
 2. Man needs release from the stresses of life. Colossians 3:15-16
4. There is a plan in God's worship!
 - A. God is not the author of confusion. 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40
 - B. Since God is the Creator we cannot change His worship!

III Conclusion

1. We can realize maximum worship by:
 - A. Preparation
 - B. Participation
2. Are you in a position to worship God?
3. If you are not a Christian you are not in position to worship Him. John 4:23; 1 Peter 2:5
4. Become a Christian now!
5. If you are a Christian but have left your first love then come back.

Sources: Program Transcripts for May 2000 for the program search of the Lord's way by Mac Lyon; Bases of Belief sermon outlines from John by Tom Holland; Commentary by G.A. by Guy Woods.