

True Worship

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Worship is not a few time in our life, but worship is actually a “Life-Style”/standard of living

TEXT: JOHN 4:23

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to worship Him.”

But, what is True Worship?

ROMANS 12:1 Paul says:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship.”

* Living Sacrifice

* Holy Sacrifice

* Pleasing Sacrifice

Let’s see:

John 4:24 – God wants us to worship Him with our whole heart, not anyway

“God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Isaiah 1:11 – God’s tired about our worship sometimes

“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me? Says Jehovah; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats.”

Hosea 6:6 – He wants to see in me a merciful heart and filled of knowledge

“For I desired mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Psalms 51:17 – God doesn’t despise a repentant heart

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.”

Three questions to think about

- WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT FROM OUR SERVICES?
- HOW CAN WE PROPERLY SERVE HIM?
- HOW CAN WE PRESENT OURSELVES BEFORE GOD?

- **WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT FROM OUR SERVICES?**

1 – A LIVING SACRIFICE: What does it mean? Alive, active, stimulate, attractive, exciting
NO BORING, MONOTONOUS, TEDIOUS

II Chronicles 7:3

“And all the children of Israel were looking on when the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord was on the house; and they went down on their knees, with their faces to the earth, worshipping and praising the Lord, and saying, He is good; for his mercy is unchanging for ever.

- **EFFICIENT:** well-organized, resourceful, effective – NOT INCOMPETENT
- **SINCERE:** Honest, straight, heartfelt – NOT DISHONEST
- **GENUINE:** Authentic, real, legitimate – NOT IMITATION / CLONE / REPLICA

- **HOW CAN WE PROPERLY SERVE HIM?**

2 – A HOLY SACRIFICE: What does the word “Holy” means? Pure, innocent, unmixed
NO CONTAMINATION, NO INFECTION, NO CORRUPTION

Malachi 1:8

“When you bring a blind or sick or lame animal to sacrifice to me, do you think there's nothing wrong with that? Try giving an animal like that to the governor! Would he be pleased with you or grant you any favors?”

- **WITHOUT HYPOCRISY:** No two-facedness, no pretence, no double standards
- **WITHOUT BEING FALSE:** Untrue, copied, fictitious
- **WITHOUT PRETENSE:** Imitation, artificial, simulation

- **HOW CAN WE PRESENT OURSELVES BEFORE GOD?**

3 – A PLEASANT SACRIFICE: Pleasant means: enjoyable, delightful, acceptable, suitable
NO DULL, NO BORING, NO DRY, UNINSPIRED

Leviticus 9:23

“And Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of meeting, and came out and gave the people a blessing, and the glory of the Lord was seen by all the people”.

- **CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:** With Connection, with Bond, Linked
- **CONSTANT TRANSFORMATIONS:** Making over, Changing up, converting
- **A LIFE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO GOD:** Dedicated, fanatical, committed

LEVITICUS 10:1-2

“Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, each took his fire pan, put live coals in it, added incense, and presented it to the LORD. But this fire was not holy, because the LORD had not commanded them to present it. Suddenly the LORD sent fire, and it burned them to death there in the presence of the LORD.”

God expects from us a TRUE WORSHIP and it, actually, comes from those who praise and worship Him in spirit and in truth.