

Why Should We Worship God?

Understanding Worship

Perhaps worship is the least understood portion of our duty to God. Some come to worship to hear and judge. That is what the men of Athens did in Acts chapter 17. Some judge the singing, the prayers, or the friendliness of the congregation. Some are bored with worship. Instead of thinking what can I get from it, think 'what can I bring to it?'. Worship is not so much getting as it is giving.

Man Will Worship Something

Modern idolatry is as deadly as ancient idolatry. Some of the Israelites would offer their children to Molech, the fire god of the Amalekites. (Jeremiah 32:35) People of today can offer their children to materialism, the god of the 21st century. However materialism is not our only God. Some worship nature and mammon (self).

True Worship

Jesus said in John 4:23,24 that “true worship is in spirit and in truth.” God seeks true worshippers with devotion of life, dedication of heart, and consecration of mind. God and not man is always the one to be pleased in worship. God does not allow ‘split devotion.’ Our God is a jealous God. (Exodus 20:5; I Corinthians 10:22) God told Israel that they could not worship him while acting like the idolatrous people around them.

A Simple Worship Service

Jesus built his church and authorized a simple worship service of teaching, communing (Lord’s supper), singing, praying and giving. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 11:3 “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty (cunningness), so your minds should not be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” No candles, incense, robes, crucifix or beads are needed.

We Worship God For Various Reasons

Worship to God is commanded. First and foremost we worship God to show our appreciation for what he has done for us. David said, "the Lord reigneth." We must see the power of God to seriously worship him. We worship God because of his mighty works. Look at the heavens and earth. They are the work of God. In Psalm 19:1 Israel sang "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." We look at ourselves and the physical makeup of man and have profound respect for the God who made us. We look at God and see that with obedience to his will and way we are set free from the bondage of sin, given a new life, a reason to live, and a hope in death. When we see the wonderful works of God, it will cause us to sing the praises of God, be humbled in his presence, and pray in a personal way to God.

A Summary of How to Worship God

Let us notice briefly , 5 points from

Hebrews 10:22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

- "Let us draw near" That is the call to worship.

- "With a true heart" is the sincerity we are to have. God wants the whole heart, not just your presence, but a sincere heart.

- "In full assurance of faith" We should come to worship with faith assurance, and conviction. God is the rewarder of those who seek him. See Hebrews 11:6.

- "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" This teaches humility. Pride keeps man from worshipping God acceptable. Worldly success, learning, and wealth can make one prideful and can hinder one from coming to God with a sense of need.

- "And our bodies washed with pure water" God calls for purity of life. Christians are sanctified and set

apart from the world. To be in the presence of God, we are called upon to live pure lives.

God Does Care How We Worship

If we think that we do not get anything from worship read Hebrews 10:22 and ask yourself 'What do I bring into it?' In summary let us remember that we must worship God "in spirit and in truth"....God is a jealous God....He is in control.....He made you and can recreate you and make you free from sin and to have the hope of heaven.

In Conclusion

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