

Anatomy of True Worship
Agenda in Worship
Luke 7:36-50

Agenda in Worship - Attitude in Worship - Activity in Worship

I) Get to Jesus

A. Importance of His Presence

Ps 27:4-6

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, **to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Ex 33:15

15 And he said unto him, **If thy presence go not with me,** carry us not up hence.

Ps 51:11-12

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Ps 16:11

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

B. Involvement of our Pressing (prayer, praise)

Ps 95:2

2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,** and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Ps 100:2

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: **come before his presence with singing.**

1. Zacheaus climbed a Tree
2. Woman with Issue pressed through the Crowd
3. Bartimaeus cried out till he was heard

II) Give to Jesus

A. Gift that was Precious

2 Sam 24:24

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Matt 2:11

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

B. Glory that was Priceless

Ps 96:8-9

8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

1 Cor 6:20

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

A seventeenth century puritan wrote, "*When we believe that we should be satisfied rather than God glorified in our worship, then we put God below ourselves as though He had been made for us rather than that we had been made for Him.*"

Acts 16:23-26

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas **prayed**, and **sang praises** unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Life Group Questions

1. When you hear the word "WORSHIP" what are the first few things that come to your mind?
2. How much of what modern day church goes do when they are at church do you think is real worship?
3. In your opinion what do you think is missing?
4. In your best description describe what you think is or should be worship?
5. The woman in Luke 7 had one thing on her mind and that was to present Jesus with a gift, how focused are we when go to the House of God to "WORSHIP"?
6. How much of our involvement in GETTING IN the presence of God hindering our worship? (Such as How we Sing or How Praise or what we bring to him) How can we change this?
7. Read Malachi 1 in this chapter God describes the offerings the children of Israel were bringing, are we guilty of the same thing by what we have been bringing to God in our worship? (Leftovers not the best we have to offer)