

Anatomy of True Worship

Attitude in Worship

Luke 7:36-50

Agenda in Worship - Attitude in Worship - Activity in Worship

Gen 22:5

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship**, and come again to you, (worship – to bow, to prostrate)

I) **Submissive Attitude**

A. Submissive to His Word

B. Submissive to His Will

1 Sam 15:20-23

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, **to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal**.

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice**, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

II) **Selfless Attitude**

A. Swallow our Pride

2 Sam 6:21

21 And David said unto Michal, **It was before the LORD**, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

Phil 2:5-9

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 **But made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

B. Surrender our Preference

Matt 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **if any man will come after me, let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me.

John 3:30

30 He must increase, **but I must decrease**.

Luke 22:42

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Life Group Questions

1. How much of our behavior outside the church walls do you think affects our worship on the inside? Why?
2. Psalm 100:2, says that we are to serve the Lord with gladness then it says to come before his presence with singing, is one command any less important than the other? Do we take both of them seriously? Be honest!!!!
3. According to the principles we learned in the story of Saul and the Amalekites in I Samuel 15, does God care how good our offering is or how loud we sing if we are living in disobedience?
4. Can you name some symptoms that reveal selfishness in our worship? (such as feelings that are felt or comments that are made)
5. Read Daniel 4, according to this chapter how does God feel about pride?
6. Why is pride so dangerous to worship?
7. Can you give an example where pride could hinder worship?
8. According to Romans 12:3 what do you think the real source of pride is?