

THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP

This month, as we focus upon the concept of Honoring God, we look at worship through the book of Psalms. Specifically, we want to look at the "Spirit of Worship."

A. Understanding the Words of Worship (Mt 2:2)

1. Our English word "worship" comes from the Latin which designates Value or Worth.
 - It is a Worth-ship
2. Proskuneo (kiss forward, like a dog licking master's hand)
 - it is to bow, prostrate (Mt 4:9; 1 Cor 14:25)
3. Eusebia (adoration/devotion): Acts 14:23
 - Most often worship is an action word (verb)

Three Things Determine Value:

1. How _____ something is
2. How much it takes to _____ something
3. What it _____ to you

Psalms 95:1-7

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods, ⁴ In whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also. ⁵ The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷ For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ "When your fathers tested Me, they tried Me, though they had seen My work. ¹⁰ "For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways. ¹¹ "Therefore I swore in My anger, truly they shall not enter into My rest."

B. The spirit and the heart, not the outward acts determine worship

1. Worship is designed for God, but there are benefits we receive from worship

What are the benefits we receive from:

- Singing:
- Prayers:

C. The Spirit of Worship (Psalms 95)

1. The call to worship (Ps 34:4)
There is a pleasant cheerfulness found here

Why is worshipping together a wonderful experience?

2. The attitude expressed within Worship (Ps 122:1)
3. The focus of our worship

D. The Warning From God (vs. 8-11)

- there is a switch to listening to God
What happened at Meribah?

How could that happen to us?

Isa 1:10-14 (29:13)
Amos 8:5
Malachi 1:12-13 (8)

When the spirit is missing



Light the Fire

The challenge before us as we worship:

- Lose the _____ of God
- _____ of worship
- _____ of the heart

Attitude _____ worship begins (Ps 100)

Attitude _____ worship ends (Acts 8:27-28)