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Lesson Seven: The Joy of Worship

Here is a recent question that came to me:

"Is it possible to have a proper relationship with God out of a sense of duty? I recently read your Jumpstart about faith, hope, and love. If I go to every church service, participate and worship as I should because I have to, not because I really want to, would I still have a hope of Heaven? I view going to church like I do my job. I do it because I have to, not because I want to. Keep in mind, I follow the rules of God because I know that's what I'm supposed to do. I fear God and His judgment, but I don't have the love for God."

How would you answer this person?

In studying "Attitudes of Excellence," one must take a look at our attitude towards worship. There are two aspects or direction that worship involves.

1. Worship must _____ God: that is the purpose of worship

- there are many examples in our Bibles when worship did not please God (Isa 1:1-15; Amos 5:21-24; Mal 1:10; Mt 15:9)

(a) there are three things essential to bring joy to the Lord in worship

- worship must be _____
- worship must come from a _____ heart (Isa 29:13)
- worship must be _____ towards God. It's not about what we get out of it, but rather what we give to God

(b) the outcome is a worship that pleases the Lord (Heb 13:15; 2 Cor 2:14; Lev 9:23-24)

2. Worship brings us _____ to the Lord (Isa 6:3-5)

- It ought to have a positive spiritual impact upon our lives
- This is where our attitude matters (Mal 1:13; Amos 8:4-6)

What attitudes ought we to bring to worship?

B. Throughout the Bible, we find the Joy of Worshipping God

How Does Worship Help You?

Ps 34:3; 122:1; Acts 16:13-14

What helps you find the joy in worship?

What can be said to someone who thinks worship is boring?

