
► John 4:23

WORSHIP

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

- ▶ Proskuneo- “to bow before” or literally “to kiss the ground before”
- ▶ Latreuo- suggests serving either God or people
- ▶ These two words show the concept of worship in the New Testament has two connotations
 1. Coming to God in ways he has commanded us to offer our praise
 2. Living in a way that serves and honors him

PSALM 95:6-7

WORSHIP IS MAJESTIC

- ▶ It is simple to assemble, but it is even easier to forget why we are here.
- ▶ We might assemble because it is God's expectation for us (Hebrews 10:25)
- ▶ We might gather because of the beautiful voices praising the Lord (Ephesians 5:19)
- ▶ He is our God-we are His people- the flock under his care

ACTS 7:37-42

WORSHIP'S DESTRUCTION

- ▶ Is it possible for something as precious as worship to become poisonous for our souls?
- ▶ We see Stephen mentions Moses, Israel, and idols.
- ▶ In the days of the desert, Israel chose to worship a “god” they made.
- ▶ How easy is it for us to shine our “worship” on the undeserving.

MATTHEW 14:32-33

WORSHIP IN JOY

- ▶ In Matthew 14, Jesus saves the lives of his apostles during a storm on the sea of Galilee.
- ▶ After the winds died down the scripture says, "... those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'" (Matthew 14:33)
- ▶ When good things happen, this should be our first response.

2 SAMUEL 12:19-20

WORSHIP IN SORROW

- ▶ God doesn't expect us to worship Him only in the good times. He desires our worship in the bad times as well.
- ▶ King David's example in 2 Samuel 12. The "man after God's own heart" reaches deep and reminds us to be faithful, even when we want to be faithless.
- ▶ David worshiped (2 Samuel 12:20)
- ▶ He gives honor to whom honor is due, even when his life is consumed by sorrow

WASTED WORSHIP?

- ▶ “wasted talent”
- ▶ Paul says we can do the same thing with our worship
- ▶ Any worship we offer to God should be in spirit and truth (John 4:24)
- ▶ Paul argues that we are to become “living sacrifices”, we are to give up what we want for

APPLICATION

- ▶ **Worship is Majestic**- Realize why worship is so majestic. It is our privilege to come before God and worship him
- ▶ **Worship's Destruction**- Make a conscious effort to rededicate your energy to the only worthy recipient
- ▶ **Worship in Joy**- Worship God for every good thing that happens to you

APPLICATION

- ▶ **Worship in Sorrow**- Refuse to allow any burden to betray your worship with God
- ▶ **Wasted Worship**- Do not let “worship” to be confined to a one-hour worship week

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