



THE WONDER OF WORSHIP

A Biblical Foundation for Christian Worship

Sermon series #1 John 4:1-26

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SERIES CONCEPT...God calls us to worship him in spirit and truth regardless of our style of worship.

SERMON CONCEPT...Scriptures teach us the kind of worship and worshippers God desires.

SIGNIFICANT WORD...*Worship* = "to give worth"... "to bow down"... "to serve"

WORSHIP DURING THE PATRIARCHS

- Cain and Abel
- Noah
- Abraham
- Isaac and Jacob
- ❖ Worship was flexible, based on their personal relationships with God.

WORSHIP IN MOSES' TIME

- More specifically structured in place and ritual
- Emphasised holiness: God's, worship, people, animals, rituals, times, things
- The tabernacle and the ark of the covenant
- ❖ The holy Tabernacle became the traveling worship centre of Jewish worship and God's presence, based on the 1st Commandment.

WORSHIP IN KING DAVID'S TIME

- The holy Temple was a permanent place of worship where God's earthly presence dwelt
- David chose the temple site and Solomon built the temple
- David contributed songs for worship ie Psalms
- ❖ The Temple became the permanent centre of Jewish worship and God's earthly presence.

WORSHIP AFTER THE TEMPLE

- The temple was destroyed in 587 BC and the Jews scattered
- Synagogues became local places of Jewish worship
- Worship became simpler and focused on Scripture, prayer and praise
- ❖ Worship became less ritualistic and less focused on animal sacrifices

WORSHIP AND JESUS

- Jesus regularly read Scriptures, sang, prayed and preached in worship
- Taught priority of worship in spirit and truth
- Criticised religious leaders for hypocritical worship
- ❖ Jesus modelled worship and stressed integrity in worship

WORSHIP IN THE EARLY CHURCH

- Jewish Christians worshipped in synagogues and homes
- Devoted to Jesus teaching, the Lord's Supper and fellowship
- Christ's perfect sacrifice replaced imperfect animal sacrifices
- ❖ Worship became less formal, more flexible and Christocentric

WORSHIP AND PAUL

- Taught worship to include preaching, singing, offerings
- Romans 12: 1...Our worship as living and holy sacrifices
- ❖ Worship is a committed lifestyle of praise and obedience to God

SUMMARY

- ❖ Throughout the Scriptures worship is consistently shown as critical in our relationship with God.
- ❖ The form developed and adapted to circumstances.
- ❖ Two things remained always consistent for true worship: God was to be the object of worship and people were to worship with integrity and obedience.

APPLICATION

Has worship in contemporary times been shaped by our society? If so, how, and does it reflect biblical values?

In what ways does our personal and corporate worship reflect biblical values of integrity and obedience?

PRAYER...*Lord, You are the source and object of my worship. I want my life to be a perpetual worship every day. All I do in life and church I give as worship to you. Amen!*