

MY WORSHIP IS DUE UNTO HIM

In the Temple, God wants me to give my best worship.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Worship is when one reverences God above anyone and anything else, because He is God.
- ❖ Worship is about making a BIG deal about God.
- ❖ Worship can be private, or it can be demonstrated in public.
- ❖ King Solomon built the first temple for God, a place where people could collectively worship God.
- ❖ 2 Chronicles 2 tells us that King Solomon was determined to build the best temple he could for God because He was and is greater than all other gods.
- ❖ King Solomon used quality materials (lumber, cedar, gold, silver), and skilled workers. Then he dedicated the temple with prayer and burnt offerings to God.
- ❖ God accepted Solomon's sacrifice and heard Solomon's prayer. The presence of the LORD filled the temple as His fire consumed the burnt offering.
- ❖ The Israelites saw the presence of the LORD above the temple; they knelt down with their faces to the ground and worshipped.
- ❖ Their public worship as the people of God was due.
- ❖ How did King Solomon and the Israelites feel after giving their worship to God? They went home joyful and glad in heart (2 Chronicles 7:10).
- ❖ Giving what is due unto God—which is your whole heart—will give you joy.
- ❖ After King Solomon's reign, Israel and Judah divided into two kingdoms, which required two kings—one for each kingdom.
- ❖ Between them, 31 kings reigned before both kingdoms participated in rededicating the temple of God and re-establishing worship.
- ❖ This happened during the reign of King Hezekiah in Judah, 2 Chron. 29:20—30:26). King Hezekiah was committed to rebuilding the temple (2 Chron. 29:3) by following the word of God (29:15-16).
- ❖ 2 Chronicles 29:28 says, "The whole assembly bowed in worship, while the musicians played and the trumpets sounded."
- ❖ They sang unto the Lord and bowed in worship. It is recorded that there was great joy and that there had been nothing like this worship since the days of King Solomon.
- ❖ Some centuries later, Jesus entered the temple and found people selling merchandise, with others sitting at tables exchanging money. He scattered the coins and overturned their tables saying, "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" (See John 2:14-16.)

KEY SCRIPTURES: 2 Chronicles 2; 5; 7:1-6; 29:3-5, 25-26; 30:18-20, 26-27; John 2:14-22; 4:19-21, 22-24; Philippians 2:10-11

- ❖ The Jews questioned His authority and Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days" (Jn 2:18-19). But the temple He spoke about was His body.
- ❖ Jesus revealed Himself as the 'Temple of God', but the Jews and Jesus' disciples didn't understand it.
- ❖ A few chapters later, the "Temple"—Jesus Christ—is talking with a Samaritan woman at a well (John 4:1-25).
- ❖ Jesus knows all about this woman without being told. She had had five husbands, and the man that she was with at the time was not her husband. The Samaritan woman was convinced that Jesus was a prophet because He accurately knew her past and present.
- ❖ Do you think a Holy God who knows you intimately (good and bad) would want you to enter into the Temple?
- ❖ Yes! The Temple that cannot be destroyed is Jesus and He called the (unworthy) Samaritan woman to worship.
- ❖ Yes, Jesus was calling the woman to worship in Spirit and in truth! (See John 4:21-24.)
- ❖ What does this mean for us? It means that you and I have access to worship in the Temple that was created to glorify God worldwide.
- ❖ In fact, He is looking for us! So let's worship by obeying the Holy Spirit and believing the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Find and share scriptures that refer to God's various creations worshipping Him.
2. Reviewing the examples shared, what are some locations and methods used for worship? Are they always the same, or how do they differ?
3. Find and share ways in which God responds to worship from His creation. (Is He always pleased? If not, why?)
4. How do you most often worship and reverence God's presence in a corporate setting?
5. How do/can we honour and reverence God's presence in our daily lives and activities?

Prayer Time




You are worthy, Oh Lord, of all honour and glory and praise—and I will give You the worship You deserve.




Start-up: What, over your lifetime, have you spent the most money/time/effort to build/create/purchase? Why is/was it so important to you?

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

 (Reminds me/Confirms)
  (New idea)
  (Think about)

 (Do this)
  (Speaks to my heart)
  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
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