

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

My life becomes a living sacrifice of worship to God as I obey His Word and His will.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Every parent tries to provide for their child's needs, to keep them out of harm's way and show them love and affection as they grow. Parents want their children to love them even as they love their children; but if they can't receive love, at the very least, they demand obedience.
- ❖ God is our heavenly Father. He desires to build solid, life-long relationships with His children. He truly loves us and desires that we love Him in return.
- ❖ However, the basis of our worship to God is very simple. It's obedience.
- ❖ As our relationship with God develops, our love for Him increases, but this must take place in an atmosphere of obedience. We cannot say we love and worship God if we are living in willful disobedience to His word!
- ❖ Jesus, quoting Isaiah's prophesy, said in Mark 7:6-7: "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*" (See also Isaiah 29:13.)
- ❖ Our worship cannot be in word alone—it must be lived out in our obedience to the word of God. This involves laying aside man's wisdom and embracing the cross of Christ in total obedience to Him.
- ❖ Man's way is the way of ease, comfort and pleasure. God's way involves a cross, but it leads to eternal life and joy in His presence. Many will advise us to take the easy road, because, as they will say: "God wants us to be happy!"
- ❖ One day, Jesus asked His disciples what they were hearing on the street regarding His identity. After getting their responses, He personalized it and asked, "But who do you say that I am?"
- ❖ Peter got a revelation from God Himself and gave absolutely the right answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" (See Matt. 16:13-20.) Jesus lived to fulfill the will and purpose of God in His life,
- ❖ But as Matthew 16:21-25 shows us, our present happiness is not always God's present will for us.
- ❖ We must obey God, take up our cross and endure hardship. Then, we will bask in eternal bliss in Heaven (Hebrews 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:3; Romans 14:17).
- ❖ Right now, our duty is to worship Him in obedience to His word and His will.
- ❖ There are many perceived hindrances to obedience:
 - Avoidance of pain: "Obeying the word of God will cause me emotional or physical pain and discomfort. Therefore, it's too hard to obey."
 - Perceived unfairness: "Everyone else has it (whatever it may be), so why can't I? Everyone else is doing it, so why can't I?"

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Romans 12:1-2*; 1 Samuel 15:22-23;
John 14:15 (eg. Gen. 22:1-19)

- Pride: "How will obeying God's Word make me look or feel?"
- Indifference: "The Word of God is old fashioned, out of touch and irrelevant, therefore, I can treat it with indifference. It is not the ultimate authority in my life."
- Mistaking tests for opportunities: "If God didn't want me to do this, why would He have let the opportunity come my way? If God didn't want me to have this, why would He let someone offer it to me? Since it's being presented to me, it must be God's will."
- ❖ What must we do to overcome these hindrances?
 - Learn the Word of God. His Word is a lamp and a light. It is authoritative in all aspects of our lives. This is a daily discipline (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalm 119:10).
 - Develop the mind of Christ: (Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16b).
 - Crucify the flesh: It's amazing how easily we can do certain things once we change our mindset (Galatians 2:20).
 - Seek (and obey) godly counsel from parents, teachers, pastors, elders, mentors, peers (Proverbs 24:6; Colossians 3:16-17).
 - Seek fellowship with the people of God: (Acts 2:42, 46; Galatians 6:2).
- ❖ As we develop a heart of worship in our lives, let us daily pray this prayer of commitment to God: "Today, Lord Jesus, I give my life to You as a living sacrifice of worship, through my obedience to Your Word and my acceptance of Your will."

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Do you consider yourself to have a heart of worship? Is it something you have always possessed, or was it something you had to work on and exercise like a muscle?
2. What "workouts" (in addition to obedience) can one use to develop a heart of worship? Provide scriptural references.
3. "Our present happiness is not always God's present will for us." Provide an explanation of what this means to you. Has this ever happened in your life?

Prayer Time

Lord, it is my desire to have a heart of worship, a heart that desires to draw closer to You.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Has your heart ever "ached", "yearned", or "desired" something? What did you have to do to cure/fulfill that particular feeling?

"WE PRAY" FS FACEBOOK GROUP

http://www.facebook.com/groups/weprayatfaithsanctuary/
PRAYER FOCUS: U.P.C.I. leaders and their families



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November

Friday 8 – Sunday 10: Unite T.O.

TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obtain approval from Head of Department and send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (If projection is desired send to media@faithsanctuary.com.)



FAITH SANCTUARY DONATIONS

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FASTING AND PRAYER MEETING

Date: Saturday, November 9th
Service Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Fasting Time: Begins Friday @7:00 p.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
Contact: Sis E. Berbick

MIDNIGHT PRAYER

Date: Friday, November 15th
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Place: Prayer Room and Main Sanctuary
Contact: Sis. E. Berbick

LIFE GROUP LEADERS' MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 17th
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room
Contact: Bro. Burnie Spence

MEN'S AND LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Date: Saturday, November 30th
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
Save the date!

Contacts: Sis. Fredericka Rainford and Bro. Paul Smith

STOREHOUSE

Needs: Soup, tinned fish, meat and vegetables, cereal, jam, peanut butter, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, flour and/or baking mixes, toothpaste, soap, and other non-perishable food items.

Drop Off Location: Blue Bin in the Chapel
Contact: Sis. D. Powell

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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