Worship The Holy God (Simplified Outline)

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Prayer

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Introduction

This Morning I want to spend time on the Worship of God

God is Holy, I think this truth is often not truly comprehended by us, nor can it fully be!

The God We Worship

God does not Change

Malachi 3:6

6 "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

God does not share His glory

Isaiah 42:8

8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

God is Love

1 John 4:8

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

God is Holy

Isaiah 6:3

3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

God Will be Sanctified and Glorified by His People

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HOW WE WORSHIP GOD IS IMPORTANT

Worship is a dead man in sin being raised to life in God and living out the life he now lives in adoration in every area of life. For the Christian, all of life is worship. Worship is found in the word, work, and deed. So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.2 In other words, worship becomes the category under which we order everything in our lives. But today I want to focus on Corporate Worship

Corporate worship is a continuing out- pour of the redeeming work of Christ in the saints, for the purpose of His glory. Corporate worship that is when we gather for the purpose of the Christian Sabbath to encourage one another and to uplift Christ as a body. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.4 Heb 10:24-25

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-Doctrine and Doxology

2 Timothy 3:16

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

The Bible is our Only authority for Faith and Practice

God had just spent the last three chapters teaching the Jews how He was to Be Worshiped! God had laid out His COmmands

Exodus 30:9

9 You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it.

Theology Moment

- Regulative Principle Vs. Normative

The Regulative principle in the simplest term means, we only do in corporate worship what we see done in the Bible.

Normative principle, which in the simplest terms means, we have freedom to worship God in any way that is not forbidden by Scriptures.

Normative

When not abused, the leaders of the Church take Biblical principles of praise and strive to worship God with any methods that do not go against the Bible and/or the nature of God.

The positives to this position (Not everyone thinks it is a positive!) is that the church strives to culturally contextualized worship, often bringing unto the Lord a new song.

There have been a lot of healthy churches with good leadership who have used this method to organize the liturgy of the church. This approach has given rise to the church bringing praise to God through various creative arts, from drama to music.

It also is the means by which much of modern Christian music has come about. Sometime I am not sure if that is good or bad!

Regulative

The strength of this principle is you strive to define worship by the written Word.

It is a position that I believe holds the Word of God in the highest regards and seeks to tread very carefully to honor God.

This approach draws a line in the sand from worldly worship entering the church. It keeps the church from trying to marry worldly pagan practices to Christian principles also known as syncretism.

If you were to corner me and ask me to describe how I lean in worship for corporate settings, I would entreatingly say regulatorily. But, If you allow me the time to explain in larger detail there is a balance that must be taken with this approach.

Regulation MUST be central When GOD Speaks: God Will be worshiped as He see fit, and not as we see fit

God Said DON'T TOUCH THE ARK:

2 Samuel 6:6-7

6 And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God.

Worship in Reverence

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These two young men were killed for their lack of reverence

-Moses Warns, you better be more worried about offending God then, morning the Loss of your sons!

The Same Fire That KILLED these young Men God licked up the offering with a few days earlier:

Leviticus 9:24

24 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

GOD IS HOLY and Great

Psalm 145:3

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

God Doesn't Changed

Ananias and Sapphira Lied in their worship of Giving

We are Honest Before God:

Acts 5:1-5

- 1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,
- 2 and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?
- 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."
- 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

LORDS SUPPER - Saints are sleeping

1 Corinthians 11:30

30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

The Bible Warns that not many should be teachers because of Greater Judgment JAMES 3:1

John Knox -"I have never once feared the devil, but I tremble every time I enter the pulpit."

The Worship team ought to fear, not honoring God!

We ought to have awe and reverence in all our worship of God!!!!

Worldliness is Not Worship

1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them.

Now the story doesn't fully explain what They did wrong, Other than they knew better:

They offered STRANGE fire

This could of been an outside fire not from the alter

This could of been custom made incense

This could of been not in accordance to when it was to be offered

They could have been drunk... Warning

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You cant Worship God and serve the World at the same Time

James 4:4

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Our worship is to GOD

WHY DO WE WORRY ABOUT ATTRACTING GOATS TO THE SHEEP FOOD?

John 4:24

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Moses reminds Arron who God is, and the offense of sin ought to shake you more than your loss

Praise God we have an intercessor in Christ who knows what loss feels like, He wept at Lazarus grave... But he also wept over the sheep without a shepherd...

Be Broken Over Your Sin Against the HOLY HOLY God James 4:8–10

- 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit Matthew 5:3

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Nathan GoodPastor Missionary
Little Son had cancer

Glad he went through that, when you are

"When you are poor in spirit is when HE Pours in His Spirit"

Psalm 51:17

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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