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Worship

I. Introduction:

A.) Definition: "Honor, Reverence, Homage, in thought, feeling or act."

B.) The principal Old Testament word is "shahah"; depress, bow down, prostrate."

1.) Ex 4:31 and the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

c.) The principal New Testament word is "proskuneo"; "kiss the hand or the ground toward;"

1.) Hence often in the oriental fashion bowing prostrate upon the ground.

D.) There is no more beautiful picture than true worship.

II. The importance and necessity of worship.

A) One of the first things mentioned in the Bible is worship - that of Cain + Able.

1.) Gen 4:3-4 pg 4.

B.) The first thing Noah did when he left the ark was to build an alter unto the Lord and worship.

1.) Gen 8:20 pg 9.

C.) Give the Lord the glory due him.

1.) Ps 29:2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

2.) Ps 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneell before the Lord our maker.

D.) Wise men went to worship Jesus.

1.) Mt 2:1-2 pg 1014

E.) When Satan tempted Christ what did Jesus tell him?

1.) Mt 4:10 pg 1016

F.) Jesus left the example of worship for us.

1.) Lk 4:16 pg 1083

G.) One must be a worshiper of God for his prayers to be answered.

1.) Jn 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshyper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

III. The Lord's day is a special day for worship.

A) It is the Lord's day.

1) Rev 1:10 (in part) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day;

a) Because this is the day the Lord came forth from the tomb.

b) Hence, we celebrate his resurrection every week.

B) The first day of the week.

1) Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

2) I Cor 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

LAST DAY Judgment DAY

3) Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

C) However, the church in Jerusalem evidently MET [redacted] on other days, because they had additional daily.

1) Acts 2:46-7 pg [redacted] 1152

2) Jesus taught daily.

a) Mt 26:55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out [redacted] against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

b) It does not make sense to say that you worship the Lord on Sunday because you love him, but that you have no love for him on other days.

D) Some say "I can get closer to God on the lake than I can in a church building."

1) If so, I guess we are going to have to build all our church buildings on the side of the lake, because we are commanded to meet for worship.

2) How can one get closer to God by disobeying him? Recreation is not substitute for worship.

II. Things which hinder acceptable worship.

A) No heart in it

1) Mt 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

FINE CHINA WOULD RATHER BE FISHING.

B) Not in Spirit & Truth

1) Jn 4:23-24 pg 1123

a) Your mind is occupied with other things.

b) Or you may have come in the role of a spectator and critic.

2) Jn 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

a) Mt 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

1) God has the right to prescribe the worship he wishes. Some worship partly in truth, but partly in error.

ONE BAD APPLE WILL SPOIL THE BARREL.

2) A little poison will ruin a glass of milk.

C) Serving the devil nullifies worship.

1) Mt 4:8-10 pg 1015-16

2) Cannot serve God and Satan at the same time

a) Mt 6:24 pg 1019

b) Mt 12:30 pg 1026

D) The lack of faith renders worship vain.

Repeat 1) Ex 4:31 and the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

2) Some do not have enough faith to worship regularly.

a) If you say "I attend worship pretty regularly." This means you miss the worship pretty regularly.

E) The lack of humility hindered the worship of the Pharisee.

1) Lk 18:10-14 Pg 1107

Pharisee a) Telling himself on his own back - "Pat-a-Boy".

2) God hates a proud look.

a) Prov 6:16-19 pg 705

~~1) Prov 6:9~~

Things which hinder acceptable worship

F.) The wrong attitude toward a brother will hinder our worship.

1.) Mt 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the alter, and there remembered that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the alter, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

2.) Prov. 18:15-17 pg 1035

a.) If a certain brother leads singing, some won't sing; or leads prayer, some won't bow; or passes the contribution plate, some won't give; or passes the communion, some won't partake.

b.) They might as well have stayed at home because They are not in the right state of mind to worship the Lord.

G.) We are robbing God

1.) Mal. 3:8-9 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

a.) No person can worship God acceptably and rob God in the same service.

~~b.) I Cor 10:2 pg 200~~

b.) II Cor 8:1-5 pg 1228

H.) The lack of reverence will hinder proper worship.

1.) I Cor 11:27-29 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lords body.

2.) If it is in spirit, it will be in reverence.

Conc: Are we worshipping correctly? Are we keeping the Lord in our worship services? Thoughts and everyday actions? Do we give God the honor and respect that he is due?