

Importance Of Worship

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1)

INTRO—When Christians assemble together to worship, we come into the very presence of God (Hebrews 4:16). This involves more than just “going to church”. It should be a period of devoted worship to God. In keeping with Christ’s command (Matthew 4:10), we should regularly and faithfully worship God.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP

A. Why Worship Is Important. Actually, our attitude toward worship is an identifying mark of our discipleship. What does that attitude say about us (Philippians 3:3)?

- Worship does not take the place of faith and obedience (Psalm 51:16-17; cf. Micah 6:6-8). Can faith and obedience take the place of worship either, for those who don’t worship God?
- Worship is a spiritual booster (Hebrews 10:24-25). What greater boost to our faith can there be than to worship God with others who love Him just as much?
 - What is the primary command of this passage (Hebrews 10:24a)?
 - In what three ways do we accomplish this (Hebrews 10:24b-25)?
 - Who benefits when we come together to worship God?

B. The Importance Jesus Attached To Worship. Often, we read of Jesus preaching and worshipping in the synagogues throughout Judea and Galilee. What was His custom, despite much traveling (Luke 4:16)?

- Jesus frequented the synagogues (Matthew 4:23; Luke 4:15-38). Where could the people have found Him at any time when seeking Him (John 18:20)?
- Jesus frequented the temple (Luke 2:41-49; Mark 12:35-13:1). Where could the people have found Him when He was in Jerusalem (Mark 14:49)?
- Has Jesus quit assembling with His followers—even today (Matthew 18:20)?

C. The Importance The Disciples Attached To Worship. We find them together often, worshipping God and edifying one another in good times and bad times. They never saw a good reason not to worship God. Identify the settings in which they worshipped God in the following passages.

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- Acts 2:46-47—
 - Acts 4:23-31—
 - Acts 12:5,12—
 - Acts 16:25—
 - Acts 20:7-12—

CONCLUSION—Man is God’s masterpiece of creation, and man, more than anything else, should ascribe glory and honor to God and worship Him (1 Peter 2:5,9). Is it important for the creature to worship the Creator (Revelation 15:3-4)?

One day every knee shall bow before Jesus Christ—we can humbly worship Him now to our salvation or we will worship Him at the judgment to our condemnation (Philippians 2:9-11). Which will it be for you?