

“WORSHIP”

“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.” (Psalm 113:3)

WORSHIP IS THE FIRST PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE. When Jesus was asked, *“What is the greatest commandment?” He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.” (Luke 10:27)*

“Worship is any expression of our love to God – for who he is, what he has said, and what he is doing.”

When you understand worship in this way – in its full biblical context – then you can quickly see that there are many appropriate ways to express our love to God. Obeying, trusting, testifying, listening, praying, creating, thanking, waiting, singing, confessing, committing, giving, and practically every other action can be an act of worship when our motivation is to demonstrate our love to God.

Worship should be our first activity when we open our eyes in the morning and our last activity when we close our eyes at night. *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)*

How is it possible to do everything to the glory of God? By doing everything as if you were doing it for God. In worship, we turn our attention away from ourselves and toward God. When this happens, what we’re doing becomes an act of worship that brings pleasure to God.

Worship of our creator should become to us as natural as eating or breathing. In fact, God created us with a natural desire to worship SOMETHING, and if we fail to worship God, we inevitably will find a SINFUL SUBSTITUTE. Everybody worships something. If not God then we create an idol of something or someone or some task.

A lifestyle of worship will move us away from the halfhearted worship that Isaiah 29 describes. *“The Lord said, “Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.” (Isaiah 29:13-14)*

God wants worship that overflows from a heart of love, full of passion and commitment for him.

In genuine worship God’s presence is felt, God’s pardon is offered, God’s purposes are revealed, and God’s power is displayed. *“God said, “I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.” (Exodus 34: 10)*

So, may you love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength as you live according to his purposes. AMEN