

WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Week Six: What would happen if we returned to worship?

Scripture and Memory Verse: *1 Peter 2:5*

This Week's Questions to Answer

Each day this week you will encounter a question to answer or a statement to meditate on. Take time to read the passage of Scripture that relates to the question. Work on your memory verse each week. Make life-application of the things God reveals to you. Be diligent in your studies. We will look at five ideas this week.

1. Here we are, send us!
2. Worship and the early Church!
3. Why Christians gather.
4. Worship and missions.
5. Now it is our turn.

Key Point

From God's heart, He has so much He would reveal to His people, if they would return to Him. There is hardly a more plaintive cry from the loving heart of God for His people than found in *Ezekiel 18:30-32*: "*Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall...Get a new heart...Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone...Repent and live!*" What would happen in our day if God's people returned to true worship?¹

Quote of the Week

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another." Jesus *John 15:9-17 NKJV*

¹ Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.114, 115

Reference Point

Worship throughout the Bible, and to this very day, is the exclusive prerogative of God's people. Worship was designed by God for His covenant people. Only those in the covenant relationship can worship.

Worship was not designed for "lost" people. They cannot truly worship because they do not have a saving relationship with God. Therefore, God's people must worship. If "worship services" are turned into "evangelistic services," God's people will "die" for lack of worship. Evangelistic services will be planned for lost people, and God will bless. But worship as God's people gather is very specific to God!²

Activity

Respond. If you were being truly obedient to God in worship, in what ways could you demonstrate your repentant commitment to godly, humble, awestruck, praising, prayerful worship? _____

Scriptures to research this week.

Old Testament

Genesis 22:17-18; Deuteronomy 8:3; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; 7:1-7; Psalm 122:1; Ezekiel 18:30-32.

New Testament

Matthew 7:7-8; 28:18-20; John 6:63; 8:31-32; 14:26; 15:9-17; 16:13; Acts 1:8; 2:2-4; 42-43; 8:4-38; 9:1-19; 10;11; 13:1-3; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 1 Peter 2:5-9; Hebrew 10:19-25; Revelation 2:2-7; 3:14-17.

Prayer

Father, You know all things. It is my desire as Your child to worship You. I want to be a Biblical worshipper. I desire to be on mission with You. I truly want to reach this generation for Jesus Christ. I want You to know and I want the world around me to know, I am a worshipper of the One true God! Help me Lord I pray in Jesus name!

² Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg. 122