God-Centered Worship

Jesse LaRue · Revelation 4:8–11

INTRODUCTION

- While the worship should certainly be Christ or Jesus centered, on a much broader scale, it should also be God-centered.
- People feel that way because they don't understand what worship is really all about. And that is to give the creator and redeemer the praise that he is due.
- If we understand what worship is really all about, then we'll be able to effectively worship and experience worship as God intended.

1 Worship Is About Him, Not Me

Revelation 4:11

- Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.
- We're reminded, just like in our last lesson, that worship is about Jehovah God. It is not about me.
- The audience to our worship is God. We are bringing something and laying it down before him as an offering.
- If we come to worship just to receive something, it is likely that we will leave empty. If we bring our sacrifice of praise, we will leave satisfied.
- The reason it's about him is because it connects me, a sinful man with a holy God.

2 God-Centered Worship Flows from the Heart

Romans 12:1–2; Amos 5:21–24

- Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
- If we are going to worship properly, it must flow from the heart of the worshiper to God.
- We cannot live a willfully disobedient life Monday through Saturday and come to church and experience a God-centered worship.
- For a person who does not love God, worship will be boring. For a person who loves God, worship will be interesting.
- What we need to be changing is not our style of worship. What we need to be changing is people's hearts.
- God wants our hearts, not just our actions.

3 Three Signs of a God-Centered Worship

- Number one, does our worship honor God? Is what we are doing honoring him?

- Number two, does our worship inspire, uplift, and transform lives?
- We should leave a changed person. We should feel challenged to live for Jesus.
- Number three, is our worship powerful enough to draw visitors closer to a relationship with God?

4 A Sense of Awe

Psalm 8:3–9

- When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?
- When we experience God-centered worship, we should feel a sense of awe.
- How many of us, if we were faced with the presence of God, would stand up. We fall to our knees.

5 A Sense of Joy

Psalm 100

- Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him. Bless his name. For the Lord is good.
- There should be exclamation marks in our worship. In our singing, and our praise and our prayers.
- Does it give you a sense of joy to know who it is that you're serving?
- When I'm focused on God, nothing can take my joy.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's not focus on ourselves, let's focus on God and what He has done for us. What are you bringing with you? Where is your heart? Who do you love? Today, don't lose focus of the center of your worship.

MY NOTES