The Desire For Worship

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INTRODUCTION

- We live in the age of serving God in our own way or not at all. And we live in an age of uncommitted brethren.
- People who know truth, but are less than thrilled about opportunities to worship.
- I think we'd be more successful in our preaching about attendance. If we could create the want.

1 God Is Praiseworthy

Psalm 138

- What happens when God's people worship is that he is rightfully exalted, and I am humbled. And that's a good thing.
- I will give thanks to thee with all of my heart, the psalmist says, I will sing praises to you before the gods.
- And that's where worship begins with a heart of thanksgiving.
- God will accomplish his purposes, and we need to be on board with his will.
- One of the great benefits of worship is that God is exalted to his proper place, that I'm humbled to my proper place.

2 I Get My Focus Off of Me

- In our culture of it's all about me, and everything is focused on me.
- But now we live in a narcissistic culture.
- It's beneficial. It takes the focus off me and puts it where it's more rightfully deserved.

3 The Greatest Realities Entertained by Our Minds

- Rarely are the greater realities encouraged. Like the spiritual realm.
- A lot of people go most of their lives without even thinking about the fact that they are a spiritual being and have a spiritual destiny, that we have a soul.
- When we come for worship, our minds are helped. Your mind is elevated. Your mind is focused on the ultimate things that are.

4 This Is What You Were Made For

- We're realizing the purpose of creation when we blend our voices together in praise and worship and we dedicate our minds to spiritual thoughts from God's word.
- This is what you were made for.
- Whatever it is that we accomplish out in the world, it is secondary to this. It is supposed to facilitate us doing this.

- This is what we were made to do. No wonder it has a benefit.

5 I Owe You Something

Hebrews 10:25

- There's another aspect of worship that involves our relationship to each other.
- The purpose of those assemblies are to stimulate and encourage one another unto love and good deeds.
- You'll create a desire for worship when first and foremost it's about God, but secondly, before you're considering yourself, I owe you something.
- I have a responsibility to you. And you have a responsibility to me.

6 What Are We Going to Be Doing in Heaven

Revelation 4; Revelation 7

- People want to be in the presence of the ultimate being.
- What we're doing here is just a minuscule taste.
- Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the one worshiped.
- If someone doesn't have much use for praising Him now, it's foolish to think that they're ready for heaven.

THE CHALLENGE

Because we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come. Don't delay in getting ready.

MY NOTES