

Sermon Title: What Worship Requires Pt. IV

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018
 Speaker: Pastor J.



Background Scripture: I Chronicles 15:12-15

Jumpstart and Review:

When it comes to the presence of God, He doesn't just show up by accident. God shows up where He's wanted, longed for & passionately desired.

Contrary to popular opinion, Preaching is NOT the most important part of our Sunday morning get togethers; PRAISE & WORSHIP IS! Preaching is the secondary consequence of man's sin. We preach today b/c man sinned yesterday & it is only through the foolishness of preaching (I Corinthians 1:21) that believers are saved. But had man NOT sinned, he'd still be required to worship!

Worship is what distinguishes mankind from everything else. Everything with breath can Praise God but not everything with breath can Worship Him! God-Worship is reserved for those created beings with a free will to do so. That's what gives God-Worship its value; when it is freely given.

God wants us to be a people that demonstrate in Word & Deed, "More than anything else, God, I want you!"

God- Worship reveals that we need more than LIFE CORRECTION, we need LIFE CHANGE.

If LIFE CORRECTION was all we needed, we could've followed any other religion. But God doesn't stop @ CORRECTION; He executes CHANGE -- HEART CHANGE.

QFC (Questions For Consideration)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being least difficult/10 being most difficult), how difficult is the struggle between your wants (unholy fleshly activity & desire) and your will (permitted spiritual passions; i.e. seeking & loving God w/ your whole heart)? How might we tip the scale in the Spirit's favor going forward?

2. If we are supposed to be consumed with a longing for ascribing worth and value to God in everything we do, say & think; why didn't God just make us robots?

Reflect-n-Recap

- 1. This week's lesson was ...*
- 2. The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
- 3. Comments / Testimonial / Question*