

"Being Intentional In Our Worship"

1 Chronicles 16:8-36; Psalm 96

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1 Chronicles 16:8-12; 23-36

- I believe that the average Christian misunderstands the meaning and purpose of worship
→I believe that God wants us to be a worshipping church and that He wants you and me to become intentional worshipping people

1. DEFINING THE MEANING OF "WORSHIP"

→WORSHIP is an attitude of the heart that acknowledges/recognizes

- **WHO God is** (His NATURE/CHARACTER) and
- **WHAT God does** (HIS ACTS)

→The focus of our worship needs to be _____

→The goal of worship is _____

2. DETERMINING THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP

→Worship should be as important to me as it is to _____

A. **WORSHIP** is the first and foremost _____
(Exodus 20:1-6; Mt 22:36-38)

B. **WORSHIP** has always been a _____ in the plan of God for his people
(Ex 25:8, 22)

C. **WORSHIP** is the priority activity in _____ throughout _____
(Rev 4:2-11; 15:3-4)

D. **WORSHIP** is clearly a priority with _____ (John 12:1-8; Luke 10:38-42)

3. DEVELOPING A "WORSHIP MINDSET"

A. We must become _____ about our background and experience

B. We must cultivate an _____ and guard against a _____ that thinks "my way is best way. . . or the only way"

C. We must seek to come to church with a spirit that wants to _____ rather than _____

D. We must rethink our perspective on the worshipper's _____ in a church service

E. We must _____

→How important is worship to you (on a scale of 1-10)

→What one thing could you do this week to grow as an intentional worshipper?

8 Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.

9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

10 Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad.

11 Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually.

12 Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done,
His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,

23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

24 Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

27 Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place.

28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the Lord in holy array.

30 Tremble before Him, all the earth; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

32 Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it.

33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord; For He is coming to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

35 Then say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name, And glory in Your praise."

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What is it?

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THE KIND OF GOD HE IS!!

+WHAT God does (HIS ACTS)

THE KIND OF THINGS THIS GOD DOES!!

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- the focus of our worship needs to be
on God not on us
on what God/Christ has done for me
not on me/what I do
- the goal of worship is to bring people
into contact with the supernatural
... with the eternal God

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"In every circumstance when a believer allows himself to be confronted by his God, he will worship. God, rightly perceived, will always be a God too big--too big in His forgiveness, too big in His love, too big in His judgment, too big in His grace."

--David Needham

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2. DETERMINING THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP— What's the big deal?

- A. WORSHIP is the first and most important commandment (Ex 20:1-6; Mt 22:36-38; Deut 6:4-6)
- B. WORSHIP is and has always been a priority in the plan of God for His people (Ex 24:1, 25:8, 22)

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