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It is All About Worship

Have you ever returned from a worship service in your church saying to yourself, I sure did not get much out of it! This reminds me of the story of a family returning from the weekend church services, and each member of the family took turns making comments about the service. "The soloist sang off key." "They sang the same old hymns they always sing." "The sermon was not relevant" was dad's comment. Finally, having observed his dad's contribution in the offering place, the 5 year-old son piped in, "But what do you expect for a dollar?" Perhaps we need to ask ourselves this question, "What does God get out of my worship?" After all, the Scriptures say, "*Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name*" (Psalm 103:1).

The core of the great controversy is about worship? Everyone worships someone or something because God has placed in our hearts a thirst for Himself. We will either worship God and His Son, Jesus Christ, or we will worship the beast, which in its wider application is anyone or anything, which takes the place that Jesus Christ should occupy in our lives.

What is worship? To worship is to give ourselves to the One who has given so much for us. In giving ourselves to Him our lives are not depleted because He fills our lives with His infinite resources. In worship we come to receive the covenant benefits, which are ours because of Christ's death on the cross for us. These benefits are truly ours, not because of our performance, but they are gifts of grace flowing from the heart of the One who loved us deeply before the foundation of the world.

Worship is a Response to the Everlasting Gospel: Worship is not a performance before God whereby in exchange for our doxologies, prayers and good works we bargain for His favor. His heart is already favorably inclined toward us, and He has expressed His favor toward us in His everlasting covenant, which is the everlasting gospel. In worship we come to receive all the promised covenant blessings intended by God for us from

all eternity: forgiveness of sin, the privilege of exclusive belonging to Him alone and knowing Him personally, a new heart, likeness to Him and much, much more. **This makes worship a gift we receive rather than a chore we fulfill.** In worship we find and come to know Him who created us for Himself and whose highest purpose for us is our redemption from all bondage that has damaged our joy. He has provided worship as a means of entering into His presence where we may find “*fullness of joy*” and “*pleasures forevermore*” (Psalm 16:11).

In his classic book on worship, *Worship His Majesty*, Jack Hayford observes that “*worship is not the stroking of a heavenly ego in order that we may persuade and pressure God into giving us His blessings. Nor is it a weekly gathering of the faithful in which we display our expertise in religious matters, our orthodoxy of faith and our correctness of doctrine. Worship is rather God’s gift to us through which He draws us closely into His very presence so that He might redeem, restore, renew, and refresh us.*”

Worship is even more important than working for God. It was A.W. Tozer (1897–1963) who observed: “*God wants worshipers before workers; indeed the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the lost art of worship.*” So the next time when you are tempted to criticize worship, remember that worship is not primarily about us. It is all about God. *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His Holy name*” (Psalm 103:1). Place your focus entirely on Him. He in turn will fill your life with the sufficiency of His resources.

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