

What the Bible says about Worship!

(Matthew 4:10)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Sunday, March 6, 2016

In our Scripture text, Satan was tempting Christ to avoid the suffering of the cross. He offered to give Christ the kingdoms of the world if He would but fall down and worship at his feet. Christ has come into the world in order that kingdoms of the world might become the Kingdom of God. The pathway to this achievement is the suffering of the cross. Satan was suggesting that this suffering was unnecessary and there was an easier way to redeem the world other than the humiliation of death by crucifixion. The Savior resisted this temptation in the power of the Holy Spirit and with the help of the word of God of which He stored in his heart and mind. Our Scripture is not only a quotation from the book of Deuteronomy; it was also a guiding principle in Jesus' life. It comes to us as a gracious command. We are to worship the Lord only, and we are to give Him our undivided loyalty and service.

Sunday, March 13, 2016

I. The genuine worship of the true God saves us from idolatry.

People are spiritual creatures. There is within us a nature that causes us to want to worship either the true God or something less than the true God.

- A. Some people worship a god no bigger than themselves. They place themselves at the center of everything.
- B. Some people worship material things. They give their undivided loyalty and energy to the pursuit of that which can be purchased with money.
- C. Some people worship pleasure. They are wrapped up in fun, excitement, and adventure.
- D. Some people worship science and technology. They believe that education and progress will solve the deepest needs of life. To worship anything other than the true and living God is to be guilty of idolatry.

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II. The value of true worship.

To fasten one's heart and mind on loving God and giving him supreme love and loyalty is to experience life in its richest form.

- A. Real worship brings to the heart of the worshipper a peace that passes all understanding. The God who forgives and cleanses imparts the gift of peace to those who come to him in genuine worship.
- B. Real worship enables a person to rise above the temporal and the transitory. It gives us a vision of God on the throne of the universe, sovereign and supreme, majestic and holy, in control of world events. To see God in this manner can stabilize a person in a time of uncertainty.
- C. Real worship brings strength for victory in the struggles of life [Isa. 40:28-31].
- D. Real worship aids us greatly in solving the problems of life. To go apart into a private place of worship or into the house of the Lord with God's people with a hungry, reverent, receptive heart makes it possible for God to break into our thoughts and give us the guidance we need.

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III. The conditions of real worship.

- A. We must have faith to believe that God draws near to those who draw near to him [James 4:8]. The God who seeks to bless and the sinner who seeks God's presence will not be kept apart.
- B. [Hebrews 11:6]
- C. We must somehow recognize the many opportunities that come to us for experiences of worship [Rev. 3:20; Matt. 18:20]. Genuine worship of the true God is the deepest need of our lives. We need to place worship in the right place in our lives. Worship and service are never separated; the quality of our service will be no greater than the quality of our worship. We prove our love for our Lord as we worship the true God sincerely and steadfastly.
- D. Why the Church worships on Sunday? The Resurrection of Jesus happened on the first day of the week, which is Sunday [Matt. 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-6].