



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, February 2, 2025 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

What is Worship?

1. The Old Testament reveals worship as reverent, obedient submission to God, joyfully praising God's worth.

Exodus 20:2-5, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Psalm 29:2, Psalm 95:2-6, Psalm 100, Psalm 111:1-2

2. God seeks worshipers.

Psalm 34:8, Psalm 118:1, John 4:21-23



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3. God seeks the hearts of worshipers.

Isaiah 1:11, 1 Samuel 15:22-23, Hosea 6:6, Amos 5:18-20, Amos 5:21-27, Matthew 4:8-10, Matthew 9:13, Matthew 12:7, John 4:24, Romans 12:1

4. The New Testament reveals worship as reverent, obedient, submission to God, joyfully praising God's worth.

Philippians 3:3, Hebrews 12:28, Revelation 5:14, Revelation 7:11, Revelation 11:16, Revelation 15:3-4, Revelation 19:4, Revelation 22:3

Table Talk

- 1) What do you conclude about worship from the Old Testament texts that we examined? How is worship a place of joyous discovery into the nature of God? (Psalm 95) Why is worship something to anticipate, based on these Old Testament texts?
- 2) Why does God seek worshipers? What is encouraging about the truth that God is seeking worshipers?
- 3) When the Old Testament says things like, "I desire steadfast love, not sacrifice," what does that have to say about the relative importance of the forms of worship and the heart of worship? What New Testament text particularly impressed you in the importance of the heart of worship? What forms of worship do you like? Why should we be more concerned with the heart of worship than the form of worship? What is the particular blessing of corporate worship with respect to Romans 12:1?
- 4) Many Christians today have strong opinions about high vs low church worship. What is high, and what is low church worship? How much do you think that matters to God?
- 5) What do you conclude about worship from the New Testament texts that we examined? How can our worship be reverent, obedient, joyful praising of God's worth?