

# SERMON NOTES

"Your Worship Matters" 7/8



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**Romans 8:28** "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Message)

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**Mark 12:30** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (NIV)

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**Acts 2:42-47** (see your Bible)

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● Promise of \_\_\_\_\_ ● Promise of \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 26:29** "Mark my words—I will not drink this wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom." (TLB)

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**Acts 2:42** (see your Bible)

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**Acts 2:46-47** "They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes...with great joy and thankfulness, praising God." (TLB)

**Hebrews 13:15** "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name." (NIV)

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**Acts 2:45** "They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met." (Message)

③ \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD

**Hosea 11:4** "I drew them to me with affection and love. I picked them up and held them to my cheek; I bent down to them and fed them." (TEV)

- 1-Exclusive
- 2-Five Components
  - Holy communion
  - Redemption
  - Reunion
  - Teaching
  - Prayer
  - Praise
  - Giving
- 3-Drawn



## PRIORITY ALERT

*Let God draw you in with his affection and love. In return give him all your heart, all you soul, all your mind, and all your strength. Commit yourself to all five components of worship: Holy Communion, teaching, prayer, praise, and giving.*



**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?** Field any related Q's to the sermon or reading.



**GROUP WARM UP**

**How old were you when you think that you first really worshiped God?**

Take turns having each person finish this sentence stem:

**To worship is to \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4 words/turn...)**

Go around until all have no new thoughts to add. Squeeze the sponge dry...

**What most quickly moves you to engage in true worship?**

**RELATED SCRIPTURES & Q's**



**John 4:23,24**

God is looking for true worshipers...**Do you consider yourself to be a true worshiper?**

Below are two definitions of worship. Unpack them by sharing how you've experienced each aspect of the definitions to be true.

*"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, or to devote the will to the purpose of God."*

- William Temple

*"To worship is to experience reality, to touch Life. It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ in the midst of the gathered community. It is breaking into the Shekinah\* of God"* - Richard Foster

\* The glory or the radiance of God dwelling in the midst of His people. It denotes the immediate Presence of God as opposed to a god who is abstract or aloof.

What other important things do we learn from Isaiah about worship from



**Isaiah 6:1-8?**

**SPIN OFF Q&A'S** (questions and applications)

**How does your image of who God is affect how you worship?**

**In what aspect of worship do you most want to grow?**

**Do you want to be a true worshiper?**



**RABBIT TRAILS**

*(Mine & or yours)* In the spirit of Ephesians 5:11, guess what?! Family Radio, courtesy of Harold Camping, has printed a brochure proclaiming that May 21, 2011 is Judgment Day. Who knew? Apparently Harold and God; which must come as a surprise to Jesus (Mt 24:36)... this is Harold's 2nd - check that, 3rd attempt maybe... at predicting Jesus' return and the world's end. This should stand as enough evidence for anyone who still listens to or reads his rubbish to just stop. Talk about how this kind of nonsense hurts the church.

**FURTHER READING** (Scripture for Daily Reading)

**Day 1 Genesis 30,31 Day 2 Genesis 32,33 Day 3 Mark 7**

**Day 4 Psalm 7 Day 5 Genesis 34 Day 6 Psalm 8**

Our next sermon series will be called **Marked** - taken from the gospel of Mark. SO if you've been reading along you'll be in good shape.