



**Sunday, June 13, 2010: The Privilege of Worship**

**Scripture: Psalm 95**

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**Sermon Notes:**

1. The main goal of our lives is to glorify God.
2. There are many things that our culture worships including sports, self, ambition, vocation, relationships, and material possessions.
3. Many things besides traditional "religions" can hold a religious position in our lives: those things to which we ascribe worth.
4. Everybody worships; we either worship the living and true God, or we worship a false substitute.
5. We come to church to magnify the value, the great worth, of our God.
6. Many of today's men are devoid of purpose, and have nothing to worship besides a sports team.
7. All of our lives should be primarily focused on loving God with all our heart, soul, mind. (Matthew 22:37)
8. V1: Singing is a community expression of exalting the kingdom and salvation of our God.
9. When the church comes together in corporate worship, our activity is to be a supernatural witness to the world.
10. Our singing is to be with Joy, expressing what is in our hearts.
11. When churches fail to accurately proclaim the God of Scripture, they close down because there's nothing worth worshiping.
12. After the deliverance of the flood, Noah worships, offering a sacrifice to God.
13. V1: Christ is the central person of our worship. Our worship is to Him and through Him, and we're to be captivated by Christ.
14. We're to meditate on the person of Christ, to learn who God is.
15. Other than Christ, there is no source of certainty for us in this world.

16. Our worship style should reflect the glory, sovereignty, and holiness of our God.
17. We magnify God's greatness in worship: All things are governed by and consist in God. (Acts 17:28)
18. Worship is our response to God as He reveals Himself to us in His Word and in His world; that is what it means to be human.
19. Worship for many believers is stunted because they have an inadequate view of God; their God is not sovereign, He is not victorious in history.
20. Abraham said of God, You are my shield, my exceeding great reward. (Genesis 15:1)
21. As we grow in understanding of who God really is, we'll be transformed into better worshipers.
22. V6: Let us take a posture of submission and surrender before our God. We come to worship our Maker.
23. V7: He is our God; there's a sense of ownership;
24. V8: When you're tempted, struggling, tested, don't harden your heart. Don't become angry or embittered toward God. Worship.
25. The power, eternity, adoration, reverence and dominion are ascribed to God. (1 Timothy 1:17)

**Application Questions:**

1. What's the goal of our lives?
2. What is the essence of religion that's common to all people?
3. How would you explain to a humanist colleague that she is just as religious as you are?
4. How does a poor theology of God affect our worship personally, and corporately as a church?
5. What you value most will elicit your worship. What do you value most and what is your response of worship?
6. How can our lives be pleasing to God?
7. In what way is worship a testimony of God's truth to unbelievers?
8. When we struggle in life, how can worship be an antidote to bitterness and hardening of heart?
9. How is our very humanity diminished when we refuse to worship?