



## Sermon Notes & Life Group Study

October 10, 2021

## **Sermon Notes**

October 10•2 Chronicles 29:20-36

### **I. Restored worship confesses sin**

Seven—a number of \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

A sin offering was for \_\_\_\_\_ against God.

### **II. Restored worship calls for sacrifice.**

The dreadful mess on the \_\_\_\_\_ mimics the dreadful mess in their \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin will take you \_\_\_\_\_ than you intended to go, keep you \_\_\_\_\_ than you intended to stay and cost you \_\_\_\_\_ than you intended to pay.

Atonement is the reconciliation of God to man by means of a \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. Restored worship celebrates forgiveness.**

\_\_\_\_\_ worship is not worship.

## Study

### Hitting Home

What from Sunday's sermon stood out to you the most? Why?

### Where You Live

This week I (Jerry) preached about how Hezekiah restored worship. The fact that worship needed to be restored meant that people had gotten in a very bad way.

This is a tad heavy to start, but do this. Think about the worst sin or the worst predicament you've ever been in—that was your fault. Write down 3 or 4 words that describe how you feel now thinking about it.

### Digging Deeper

Hezekiah inherited a country of leaders and people (even the religious leaders) who had lost their way and committed atrocious sins.

Read 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

The Valley of the Son of Hinnom came to be known as Gehenna—Jesus used it as a synonym for “hell.” Ahaz created his own living hell...he burned his own sons as offerings to the god Molech. He listened as his own boys screamed to their deaths and returned to the throne to reign as Judah's king.

How do people (we) make our own living hells?

Hezekiah knows the answer to the ills of the people is to return to worship. It is from his reforms that we discover three results of restored worship.

## Restored worship confesses sin

Read 2 Chronicles 29:20-22

To confess simply means to agree with. To confess our sins, we have to agree with someone that our sin is sin.

Why is confession of sin important before you worship God?

Life Group Leader: Provide two glasses, one clean and one dirty. Put clean water in the dirty cup and offer it to someone in your group to drink. While this is a simple illustration, it shows why a clean heart is a prerequisite to worshipping God. Offering our worship to God with unconfessed sin in our lives is like trying to drink clean water from a dirty cup.

### Home

- Have I broken any promises to my family?
- Have I broken my marriage vows?
- Am I deceiving my family in any way?
- Am I angry resentful or abusive toward any family member?
- Have I failed to provide for my family?

### Church

- Have I been guilty of gossip, slander, or a critical spirit toward others in my church?
- Do I portray a “better-than-thou” attitude to my church family?
- Have I abused my role of leadership in the church in any way?
- Have I been a hypocrite—serving in the church, leaving an impression of being spiritual, while covering up disobedience or a lack of heart for God?
- Have I failed to give some of my income back to the Lord?

### Community

- Have I stolen from any place of business?

- Is my name well-spoken of by my neighbors?
- Would the people in my community conclude that I am a Christian by observing my lifestyle?
- Have I cheated on my income taxes? My education?
- Have I lied to someone to avoid consequences for some wrong I have done?

### Workplace

- Have I shared the Gospel with those God has prompted me to speak with?
- Have I spoken disrespectfully to or about my supervisors?
- Do I have unresolved disputes with fellow workers?
- Do I abuse or neglect company policies?
- Have I stolen from my employer?

### Restored worship calls for sacrifice

In the Old Testament there were 5 kinds of sacrifices. To understand what Hezekiah is doing, a better understanding of these sacrifices is essential.

- Burnt offering—offering of ascent; one that goes up; animal completely burned on the altar; had to be a male without blemish
- Cereal offering—term means gift; served as a less expensive burnt offering for those who couldn't afford a burnt offering
- Peace offering—brought on feast days; a celebrative offering consumed by humans; restoration and reconciliation
- Sin offering—for offenses against God; four classes of individuals: priest, congregation, ruler, and individual
- Guilt offering—subcategory of sin offering; restitution and reparation; deals with profaning sacred items and violations of a social nature

Looking at the 5 kinds of sacrifices, underline the word(s) that distinguish that sacrifice from the others.

Now circle the words that connect the similarities of that sacrifice with the others.

Which sacrifice is Hezekiah offering? What does this tell you about the purpose of the sacrifice?

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:11-14, ESV)

How is Jesus a better sacrifice than these 5 sacrifices?

### **Restored worship celebrates forgiveness**

Read 2 Chronicles 29:31-36

Looking at these verses how many total sacrifices did they bring?  
What does this tell you about their hearts?

“And all who were of a willing heart.”

Have you ever made your kids apologize? Do you think they were truly sorry for what they did? Why or why not?

## **Taking it Home**

My favorite hymn is Come Thou Fount.

Sing this together as a Life Group. Or if you think you'll just be horrible singing it, play a version of it. Worship!

## **One Another...Prayer and Thanksgiving**

*Come thou fount of every blessing  
tune my heart to sing thy praise.*

*Streams of mercy never ceasing  
pour forth songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet  
sung by flaming tongues above.*

*Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's redeeming love.*

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