

Recovering AWE

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community church



Saturday & Sunday, April 23/24, 2016 Ray Davis

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 “Worship”

We are worshipers by nature and when we worship created things more than the Creator it sets us up inevitably for inordinate anxiety, anger and depression. Our mission at db for 25 years has been to help unchurched people to relocate their ultimate love, hope and trust away from created things onto the Creator. Nothing will heal your heart, free your soul and fortify your faith like giving Christ your heart's deepest loyalties and affections.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

It is the act of ascribing ultimate worth and value to something in a way that engages and energizes your whole person.

Mind vv1b-2a

Emotion v2b

Will vv4-7

WHY SHOULD WE WORSHIP GOD?

If Christ isn't at the center of your life then something else is. V7

Whatever that something is other than God will control you when you seek it, disappoint you when you get it and devastate you when you lose it. Vv3, 7a

The process of true worship of God is to recognize what has captured your heart's deepest loyalties and affections and relocate them in God. vv1-7

HOW CAN WE LEARN TO WORSHIP GOD WELL?

Prepare to meet God. v1a

Give Him your undivided attention. vv1b-2a

Seek a high view of God. v2b

Give your heart completely to God. vv4-6

Get serious about your relationship with God. V7

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean that we are worshipers by nature? Why do you think nothing will heal your heart, free your soul and fortify your faith like transferring your ultimate love, trust and hope from created things to the Creator?
- 2) Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-6. What is worship? How does worship engage and energize your whole being (mind/emotion/will)? Why is it not true worship of God unless it has engaged and energized your whole being (Mark7:6; Matt3:8)?
- 3) Why should we worship God? If Christ isn't at the center of your life than something else is. Explain. Why do you think worshipping created things more than the Creator inevitably sets us up for inordinate anxiety, anger and depression? The more your heart is ravished by God's love for you the less it will be held hostage to lesser things i.e. money, career, romance, etc. Explain how this is related to worship.
- 4) Take a few moments and reflect on the five points to learning how to worship God well. Which one(s) are most convicting? Which one(s) are most compelling? What is God speaking to you from this study? What are your next steps to giving Christ your heart's deepest loyalties and affections? Pray.