

BACK TO THE BASICS

A TEACHING SERIES AT JOURNEY CHURCH

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Worship

“Worship is the believer’s response of all that he is—mind, emotions, will, and body—to all that God is and says and does... It is a loving response that is balanced by the fear of the Lord, and it is a deepening response as the believer comes to know God better.” Warren Wiersbe, Real Worship

TRUE WORSHIP

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2 NLT**

GOD IS FIRST!

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. **Colossians 1:15-20 ESV**

- **Honoring and Adoring:** Worship involves acknowledging and celebrating God’s greatness, holiness, and perfection.
- **Submission and Obedience:** It requires humble submission to God’s will and obedience to His commands.
- **Love and Gratitude:** Worship is an expression of deep love, prized above all other things, and born out of thankfulness for God’s nature and actions.
- **Praise and Exaltation:** It includes giving praise to God for His worthiness and exalting Him above everything else.
- **Awe and Reverence:** Worship is a behavior marked by awe and reverence in God’s presence.

¹⁴ For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. ¹⁵ Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. ¹⁶ And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. ¹⁷ Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. **Hebrews 13:14-17 NLT**

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. ²² “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. **Matthew 6:19-24 NLT**

- Jesus knew that money would be the biggest challenger for the throne of our heart.
- Two things last forever: The souls of men and the Word of God.
- Two things we take to heaven: Our praise and people.

FIRST FRUIT FAITH OFFERING!

⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “But you ask, ‘How can we return when we have never gone away?’” ⁸ “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. ⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. ¹² “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. **Malachi 3:7-12 NLT**

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. ⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. **Proverbs 3:5-10 NIV**

Who do you trust?
Who do you worship?