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WORSHIP, Part 1

WORSHIP IS OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT WE VALUE MOST.

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:34-40 NLT

- Jesus said loving God with all my life is most important.
- You and I will spend our life declaring the worth of something.
- You simply follow the trail of your time, your affections, your energy, and your money.

THE PRIORITY OF WORSHIP.

⁴ The one thing I ask of the Lord - the thing I seek most - is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple. **Psalm 27:4 NLT**

¹ Then God gave the people all these instructions:

² “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. ³ You must not have any other god but me. ⁴ You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. ⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. ⁶ But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. ⁷ You must not

misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.” **Exodus 20:1-7 NLT**

- You shall have no other gods before me.
- You shall not make idols.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR TRUE WORSHIP.

²¹ Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

²³ But the time is coming - indeed it's here now - when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” **John 4:21-24 NLT**

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

FORMS OF WORSHIP:

- Thanksgiving and Praise
- Joyful songs
- New songs
- Reading God's Word
- Proclaiming God's Word
- Giving
- Dancing
- Resting
- Helping others
- Using our Spiritual Gifts
- Being a living Sacrifice
- Sharing our testimony
- Communion and Baptism

¹ I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. ² I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. ³ Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. ⁴ I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. **Psalm 34:1-4 NLT**

Next Steps for me today...

- To evaluate honestly what I truly worship.
- To surrender my life to Jesus and worship God alone.