

Redeemed to Worship

"Worship is the Life We Are Called to Live"

Exodus 24:1-11; John 4:23,24; Romans 12:1-2

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Introduction

We have focused our thoughts over the last few weeks on the biblical mandate to worship God. We are made in the image of God for the purpose of knowing him and enjoying him forever. Our understanding of the Gospel has brought us to see our sin and how it has spoiled the desire for true worship. Rather than bowing before him, we are drawn to worship ourselves and pursue our own kingdoms.

My prayer in this series has been that we embrace worship as the calling of our lives, and that we continue to grow in our understanding of what it means to love the Lord. We have studied important passages in recent weeks:

- Isaiah 40 which contains one image after another of the greatness of God and our need to be in awe of him.
- Isaiah 6 which describes Isaiah's vision of the Lord who is holy and exalted.
- Last week we looked at a cluster of Psalms: 95,96, 100 which call believers to gather and bow down in humble adoration to our great God.

This morning we will give attention to worship as an ongoing fellowship with Christ. The psalmist expresses such a longing as he wrote, *"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!"* (Psalm 34:3) This is a beautiful call to worship, for when we gather together, and when we scatter to fulfill Christ's calling on our lives.

~ Exodus 24:1-11; John 4:23,24; Romans 12:1-2

I. P_____ That Inform Our P_____

- A. Biblical Understanding of Worship Begins With What We Believe Rather Than What We Do**
- B. Are We a Concert Hall or Banquet Hall?**
- C. Gathering for Worship as a Covenant Body of Believers: What Should We Emphasize? (Exodus 24:1-11)**

II. T_____ W_____ According to Jesus (John 4:23,24)

III. Worship Is the Life We Are Called to Live (Romans 12:1-2)

IV. C_____ a W_____ H_____ For Every Moment of Every Day

Conclusion

Through the spread of the Gospel, God is redeeming for himself men and women, boys and girls, from every tribe, tongue, people and nation. The Lord of heaven is gathering a multitude of worshipers that will forever sing the praise of the redeemed: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"* (Revelation 5:12) Whether or not you are named among the redeemed begins now in real time. It begins with your response to Jesus Christ. His power to save can reach even to you, right now. Look to Christ. Call out to him, and he will come to you and he will save.