

LION – Part 10
Clarifying Worship

WORSHIP

What does it mean?

- to greatly love, admire, respect, adore, pay honor to, idolize
- the object of adoring reverence or regard

PART 1 – “THROUGH JESUS”

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:11-12 (NIV)

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

The worship God is looking for is **“marked by the cross”**

Our conversation is about **TRUE** worship

The worship that **matters**

The worship that **lasts**

TRUE worship is always **“marked”** by the cross

The **DOORWAY** of worship is Jesus Christ

If there is no door – no reverence, no awe, no gratitude

If the doorway is small – a little bit of response to worship

If the doorway is huge – a larger offering

If the doorway is **Jesus Christ** our worship will be unqualified

Guilt, shame, condemnation is and enemy to your worship

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

The **DOOR** breaks the voice of the accuser

Coming through the **DOOR** brings – reverence, awe, humility, brokenness

Our **ONLY** access to God is through Jesus Christ

PART 2 – “TO GOD”

Through Jesus, let us continually offer “**TO GOD**” a sacrifice of praise...

Worship **HEALS** us
Worship **TEACHES** us
Worship **EXHORTS** us
Worship **RESTORES** us
Worship **UNITES** us
Worship **EXPANDS OUR THINKING**
Worship **CONVICTS** us

BUT PRIMARILY it does this:

Worship **EXALTS** the **WORSHIPPED ONE** and the end of our worship is the magnification and the glorification of Jesus Christ

Worship **ENDS WITH GOD**

Is our worship unto God proportional and appropriate?

PART 3 – “SACRIFICE”

“Let us continually offer ‘**TO GOD**’, a sacrifice of praise...”

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

Praise be to GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in CHRIST JESUS.

Consumers - WHATS IN IT FOR ME?

Consumees - I'M IN IT FOR YOU!

CONSUMER

GET

BUY

STYLE

ENJOYABLE

FEELS GOOD

ONCE IN AWHILE

Uses up the **SONG**

MY CHOICE

IN GOOD TIMES

CONSUMEE

GIVE

BOUGHT

SURRENDER

COSTLY

HURTS GOOD

ALL OF LIFE

Uses up the **SINGER**

HIS WILL

ALL THE TIME

PART 4 – “SHARING & CARING”

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“Do not forget to do good and share with others for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

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“Now go into the world in peace

Have courage, hold onto what is good

Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak

Help the suffering and share... the... gospel!

Love and serve the LORD in the power of the Holy Spirit...”

— **James 1:27 (NIV)**

Religion that GOD our FATHER accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

The king will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you have done to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you have done it unto me”.

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WHAT IS WORSHIP? TRUE WORSHIP?

- THROUGH JESUS
- TO GOD
- SACRIFICE.
- SHARING
- CARING