

How does your **worship experience affect (or doesn't affect)** you're

Personal Life?

Family Life?

Church Life?

Business Life?

Conclusion:

1. Confess the things that you have been prone to worship that displace God from His rightful position in your life and ministry.
2. **Ask God to Search you**
“God, you have permission to reveal any misdirected worship in my life.”
3. Ask God to Show you ...
“God is there anything you want to show me about yourself to deepen my worship of You today?”

Why Go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone to church for 30 years now,” he wrote, “and in that time I have heard about 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

That started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher; “I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals. I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

When you are DOWN to nothing ... God is UP to something! Faith seems the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

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Sermon Outline

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“Why Do We Worship?”

Hebrews 13: 10 – 15 ¹⁰“We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

Introduction:

Most middle class Americans tend to worship their work; work at their play and play at their worship. -- Anonymous

Through worship

1. We gain a new **perspective.**
2. We begin to see the **"big picture"** and look at the panorama of **life** through God's eyes.

A. Learning the Centrality of Praise and Worship to our Christian Experience in Hebrews 13: 10 – 15.

Sequence of verses covers:

1. The Old Testament sacrifice of **animals.**

Verse 11 "The high priest carries the blood of animals into the most Holy Place as a sin offering."

2. The New Testament sacrifice of **Jesus Christ.**

Verse 12 "And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people Holy through his own blood."

3. We are exhorted to offer up a new kind of sacrifice to God ... a sacrifice of **praise.**

Verse 15 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise; the fruit of lips that confess his name."

Our Praise Is To Be Offered:

- A. **Continually** verse 15a
- B. **Sacrificially** verse 15b
- C. **Audibly** verse 15c

Audible Praise

Psalm 47:1 "Shout to God with cries of Joy."

Isaiah 12:6 "Shout aloud and sing for Joy."

Isaiah 40:9 "Lift up your voice with a shout."

James 3:9 "With the tongue we praise our Lord."

B. The Result of Authentic Worship

1. The **presence** of God.

Psalm 22:3 "The praises of our Fathers surrounded your throne."

2. **Conviction** and **Direction**

Psalm 40:3; Acts 13:2 – 3 "worshiping and fasting (Paul and Barnabas) set a fast for

God's work.

3. **Deliverance**

Psalm 32:7 "You will surround me with songs of deliverance."

4. The **power** of God

Acts 16: 25 – 26²⁵ "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them"²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose."

5. **Sensitivity** to His voice.

I Samuel 3: 1 – 11; Verse 10 – 11

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle."

6. **Perspective** on life.

Psalm 73: 16 – 17

Key: Worship is not a text but a context; it is not an **isolated** experience in life, but a **series** of life experiences.