

Church of Worship

Intro: “Worship is an active response to God whereby we declare his worth”. That’s one definition. What we like often comes up when discussing the value of worship. Does that show a misguided view? Based on our definition, it does seem to be an incorrect perception. Today, we look at an example of how to get it wrong and eventually we look at what our proper desire should be for our worship.

1. Jeroboam, Innovator of Worship / 1 Kings 12:25-33
 - A. He decided God could be worshiped through 2 Golden Calves.
 - B. He decided God’s way was “too much”.
 - C. He decided the “high places” were OK.
 - D. He decided that anyone could become a priest.
 - E. He decided he could determine when worship would be held.

2. The Purpose of worship has never changed.
 - A. Thanks to God for assorted things, mostly mercy. Psalms 136
 - B. To acknowledge God’s holiness. 1 Samuel 2:2
 - C. To recognize him as the source of our strength. Psalm 46
 - D. To declare him as the only God. Revelation 22:8-9

3. The “Correctness” and “Heartness” of worship go together. John 4:19-24
 - A. Truth was not unimportant to the woman but Jesus told her she was wrong.
 - B. The true Messiah would have to be identified.
 - C. Worship from the heart (spirit as translated) is the essence worship by truth.

Conclusion: I have been able to count about 10 sermons I have preached in Rosedale specifically on the subject of worship. Many other lessons have touched upon it. At the heart of all lessons is the idea that a true sense of God’s greatness will lead to a spirit that demands giving to God what he asks. It’s the very least we can do.