

When Worship is Personal

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"As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart"
(2 Samuel 6:16)

SUMMARY:

Worship of our living Lord is the one thing that we have in common as believers, yet there are many variations on style and preference of how we do it. It is something that can be done individually as well as corporately. In our high-tech age, many are connecting to services 'on-line' and choosing to worship from their homes or lap-tops in coffee shops. A.W. Tozer simply stated, 'Worship is the missing jewel of the church!' David knew what it meant to have a personal relationship with the living God. Many of the Psalms were written out of his personal encounter with the Lord through worship. In fact, the Psalms became the actual 'Psalter' or 'Hymn Book' (so to speak) of the nation of Israel. What can we learn from him and apply to our personal lives which will enhance our worship of the Lord.

NOTES:

Some Observations about Worship:

Worship Defined:

Worship Dynamics:

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DISCUSSION POINTS:

QUESTIONS:

- *Describe a 'meaningful' worship experience that you have had with the Lord...and what was significant about it? Share.**
- *What is the greatest 'challenge' that you face in your personal experience of worship with the Lord? Your greatest 'joy?'**
- *What do you do to 'prepare' yourself to encounter the living God through worship?**
- *Our personal worship of the Lord should prepare us for Spiritual Warfare and Spiritual Witness...how has your time with the Lord helped you in these significant areas?**
- *Note that Michal, David's wife, despised him in her heart for 'leaping and dancing' before the Lord. How do you deal with individuals who differ on how they choose to express worship to the Lord?**

APPLICATION:

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT?

Do you invest time with the Lord in private/personal worship on a consistent basis? Why not strive to do so by reading a Psalm a day, allowing the Lord to speak to you through His Word. There are some excellent resources available to assist you in your worship of the Lord. Why not play some Christian Music (whatever you prefer), journal your thoughts, pray (or keep a prayer diary). Your private time in worship with the Lord will definitely enhance your corporate experience with other people. Remember, worship is a real matter of the heart and David was a 'man after God's own heart!'

ON YOUR OWN...

The Book of Psalms; 2 Samuel chapter 6; Matthew 15: 6-8;
John chapter 4; Isaiah chapter 6
Resources : Real Worship by Warren Wiersbe; The Entire Bible
Worship: Rediscovering the missing Jewel by Ronald Allen