

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

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Lives That Worship

“You are not supposed to go to a worship service; you are expected to become a walking worship.”

Lessons From Leviticus

1. God is **Holy**.

Yet, He wants man to come into His Presence.

2. God is worthy of worship

But He will accept worship that is done according to His instructions.

3. **Uncleanliness** affects worship.

4. What we **know/not know** about God affects our worship.

5. The reward of worship → ***Evidential holiness.***

Leviticus 10:1-3 NIV

¹ Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they **offered unauthorized** fire before the LORD, **contrary to his command.** ² So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. ³ Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said:

“Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honoured.”

Aaron remained silent.

Remember Ananias and
Saphira in Acts 5!

Instruments Of Worship

Leviticus 8:22-24 NIV

²² He then presented the other ram, the ram for the ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. ²³ Moses slaughtered the ram and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's **right ear**, on the **thumb of his right hand** and on the **big toe of his right foot**. ²⁴ Moses also brought Aaron's sons forward...

1. Ear... **listening in worship and to worship**
2. Hands... **Service and Work is part of Worship**
3. Feet... **Walking in Worship**

The **right** side was considered superior, more strength and skill (most people are right-handed). God wanted their *best* to be dedicated to Him.

What Not To Do?

1. Not fail to ascribe glory due to God...*unknowingly?*
2. Assume God's words...*Ignorance distorts worship*
3. Give lip service...*Showmanship / Cheerleading*
4. Approach with worship to 'change God'...
His Will / Word / Command
5. 'Compartmentalise' our lives...*worship is holistic!*

Levitical Requirements Made Perfect!

Hebrews 13:10-15 NLT

¹¹ Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. ¹² **So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood.** ¹³ **So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore.** ¹⁴ **For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.** ¹⁵ **Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.** ¹⁶ **And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.**

Acceptable Worship

John 4:23-24 NKJV

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers** will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for the **Father is seeking such** to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him **must** worship in spirit and truth.”

“Worship, by the way, is not music. Worship is loving God. Worship is honoring God. Worship is knowing God for who He is, adoring Him, obeying Him, proclaiming Him as a way of life. Music is one way we express that adoration.”

John MacArthur

Living Out Worship

2 Timothy 2: 19-22 NKJV

¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ **depart from iniquity.**”

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only **vessels of gold and silver**, but also of **wood and clay**, some for **honor and some for dishonor.** ²¹ Therefore **if anyone** cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel **for honor, sanctified and useful** for the Master, **prepared for every good work.** ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a **pure heart.**

“An intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit and a heart of obedience unto God in all situations sums up the definition of a life in constant worship of the true God.”

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