

“FAKE NEWS ABOUT WORSHIP”

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I want to remind you we have been in a series called Fake News ~ **MAIN SLIDE** and today I am excited to minister on “**FAKE NEWS ABOUT WORSHIP**”

~ **SLIDE - FAKE NEWS ABOUT WORSHIP**

I'd like to begin with a question of **WHAT IS GOD WORTH TO YOU?**

When we break down the word worship we see it is derived from two Old English words: **weorth**, which means "worth," and **scipe** or *ship*, which means something like shape or "quality." So worth-ship is the quality of having worth or being worthy.

Worship means to declare worth or attribute worth. When we spiritually speak, sing, and pray about how good and powerful God is; we are saying that God holds a significant value in our lives and He is worthy.

~ **SLIDE - Chronicles 16:29 NLT**

“Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all His holy splendor.”

Worship involves all the ways we can demonstrate that God is worthy of all the honor, the glory, the allegiance, and praise. If we are going to say that God is worthy of all worship, we should show some signs.

Short Story:

A Pastor shared a story about a 911 call from a church ? He shared the caller on the line reported that there was someone who was not breathing at the church! He stated when the EMT’S responded, they brought out four people before they found the right one!

Real worship changes everything!! Who we are, how we move, what we do, and even how we treat each other. Worship must be in the heart and not just something we exercise at a place that is designated for worship.

A worshipful attitude toward God is one that respectfully listens to what He may be saying to us, and acceptable Worship to God, comes from an obedient life style. Every act of obedience is an act of worship. It declares that God has worth. And whenever we share the gospel with someone, we are declaring God’s worth.

The ritual of a weekly worship opportunity is not enough – the attitude is what is most important. God does not want hypocritical worship, people saying He is great but do not demonstrate it in their actions or their life style.

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~ SLIDE - [Matt.15:8](#)

Jesus criticized the Pharisees, quoting Isaiah, when he said, "These people worship me in vain; they honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." They are hypocrites, He said.

So if we are going to demonstrate whole heartedly God's worth to us; we must reject the "Fake News About Worship"

~ MAIN SLIDE

~ **FAKE NEWS #1 SLIDE: Worship Is (not) Ordinary**

Worship is not just something we do on a weekend, but it is something that should consume our life. *Worship is the giving of our entire self, our thoughts and our emotions, over to God so He can use. All of life is an act of submission, an act of worship. Our service to God is not centered on a time or a temple, but is done whenever and wherever we are, because we are the temple of God.*

~ SLIDE - [Romans 12:1 NLT](#)

Paul speaks about worship-in [Romans 12:1](#): "I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship."

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You cannot allow your worship to God to become ordinary. Once your worship becomes ordinary; it will then become meaningless. **ordinary thoughts only have the ability to produce ordinary results..... A matter of fact people are known not to move forward in something they desire or are compelled to take on usually because they see it as something that is not normally done. (Ordinary)**

The emphasis is not on the ceremony, it's not on the service, It's not about what's happening in the sanctuary, but the emphasis should be on what is happening in the inner person. There has to be a shift in where the emphasis is placed so that Worship can invade our entire life.

We must see ourselves in His presence no matter where we are. Whether we are in a pent house, a shack, on the beach, at the park, at work, or in a service for worship.

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The real test of worship is not what happens at church, but what happens at home, on the job and wherever we go.

~ **SLIDE - Romans 12:2** Message Bible (MSG)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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Think about the scripture in the book of Luke Chap. 19 when Jesus was riding the young colt and he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. (They shouted) “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!””

Luke 19:37-40 NLT

~ **SLIDE - Psalm 139:7-10**

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

~ **FAKE NEWS #2 SLIDE: *Worship is An Experience For You***

Worship is not about how we feel - We tend to think we are the ones to be pleased and moved, but this is the opposite of true worship. God is to be pleased and we should be moved when we are pleasing to God.

It is not about feeling good or being caught up in the experience or being affirmed or even feeling good about self. It is purely giving Christ the glory. **We do not come to worship to actually get something out of it, but we come to give into it.**

In other words to give God the glory, to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world, and to declare His worth. When worship becomes an experience of looking to get something out of it we tend to get caught up in where we should worship, what music we should sing in worship, how our worship looks to other people, and how it fits into our ideal worship culture. **When this happens it is evidence that it is about us.**

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~ **SLIDE - John 4:24** - For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. We cannot allow Worship to become narcissistic (interest in oneself or physical appearance). **It must be about God’s story and not ours.**

You must cease from being the center of your own attention!

~ **SLIDE - Philippians 4:8-9** Amplified Bible (AMP)

8 Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable *and* worthy of respect, whatever is right *and* confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure *and* wholesome, whatever is lovely *and* brings peace, whatever is admirable *and* of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think *continually* on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart].

~ **SLIDE - FAKE NEWS ABOUT WORSHIP**

****Your worship demonstrates the value you place on God!

~ **FAKE NEWS #3 SLIDE: Worship Is (not) Initiated By Man**

Worship is not a initiated conversation from man to God, but Worship is our response to God..... We can’t know God’s worth, much less declare it, unless God reveals himself to us. **God initiates worship by revealing himself to us.** Then we respond, and the proper response is worship. The more we grasp his greatness, his power, his love, his character, the more we understand his worthiness, the better we can *declare* his worth – the better we can worship. **So, when we worship God, we are proclaiming (or giving him back) his worth.**

~ **SLIDE - Hebrews 12:2** New Living Translation (NLT)

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

OUR RESPONSE MATTERS

According to your response; it ignites His presence.

Worship involves *all* the ways in which we can respond to God.

~ **MAIN SLIDE**