

Worshippers Don't Fear Evil

In a world full of false worship and deception, what does it mean to be a true worshiper? Jesus said in John 4:23 that "the hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." This statement implies that there's a lot of false worshiping happening - people deceived into worshiping idols or false gods.

What Makes Worship True or False?

Many people claim that all religions ultimately worship the same God, but this doesn't make logical sense. If someone thanked the wrong person for giving them \$100, we'd think they were confused. Yet somehow, people think it's acceptable to call God by different names and claim we're all worshiping the same deity.

True worship involves sincerity and honesty. It means exalting God above everything else in your life. The Bible tells us in Proverbs that "the fear of the Lord is to hate evil." When you truly worship God, you hate everything that's contrary to Him.

How Does What We Enjoy Affect Our Spiritual Life?

What we enjoy and entertain ourselves with has spiritual consequences. When you enjoy things that are contrary to God's nature, you're setting yourself up for evil to enter your life. Conversely, when you worship God and hate evil, you're setting yourself up for God to manifest in your life.

For example, being entertained by horror movies filled with demons and witchcraft can attract fear and evil into your life. There are spiritual laws that govern why things happen - things don't just randomly occur. We often draw to ourselves the very things we experience.

The Power of Association: Who Are You Letting Into Your Life?

Who you associate with matters tremendously. Sometimes the oppression we feel comes from the people we allow into our lives. They may attract negative spiritual forces that affect our environment.

This doesn't mean we should become paranoid or judgmental, but it's something to consider when we find it difficult to pray or feel God's presence. The Bible says "the unbeliever is sanctified by the believer" - meaning your godly influence can set apart those around you from demonic influence.

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Christians?

When we're unequally yoked with unbelievers, we face more challenges. But the Bible promises that "where sin abounds, grace abounds much more." God will give you extra grace to handle those situations.

However, if you deliberately put yourself in situations contrary to God's will, you can't expect His blessing. Some people live in complete rebellion to God yet expect His protection. This is unreasonable - like arguing about speaking in tongues while living in adultery.

How Can I Attract Blessing Instead of Problems?

We need to understand that our actions have consequences. The Bible teaches us the reasons behind why things happen so we can learn and make better choices.

You can become a "blessing magnet" by aligning your life with God's Word. What kind of magnet are you? Are you attracting blessing or curses? Some people have both sides working - one side drawing in worldly, evil things and the other side drawing in blessings.

How Do I Build Resistance to Sin?

Every time you trespass against God's commands, it becomes easier to do it again. You violate your conscience and make it easier to step further away from God into dangerous territory.

The solution is to build "barbed wire" from the Bible. Every time you resist temptation, you're applying barbed wire to the fence, making it harder to trespass in the future. You can literally build into your conscience a resistance to wrong things.

The Bible speaks of those who "tremble at God's word" - people who have built the Word so deeply into their being that they would literally shake at the thought of disobeying it. This is

the opposite of having a conscience "seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy), which has lost sensitivity through persistent sin.

A Personal Example of Building Resistance

After getting saved, I still struggled with anger issues from my martial arts background. I would have "Bruce Lee outbursts" when provoked. But I didn't give up on myself. I kept reading scriptures about anger and wrath, applying 1 John 1:9 for forgiveness, and gradually built resistance.

Over time, a metamorphosis occurred. The angry "Bruce Lee" persona disappeared, replaced by the Holy Spirit's fruit of joy and peace. Instead of reacting in anger when cut off in traffic, I began praying for those people!

Life Application

This week, identify an area where you need to build stronger resistance to sin. Maybe it's anger, lust, gossip, or something else that easily entangles you. Start collecting "barbed wire" from Scripture - find verses that specifically address this area and meditate on them daily.

Remember that if God doesn't give up on you, you shouldn't give up on yourself. Keep repenting, keep building resistance, and keep believing for transformation. The Bible promises in Proverbs that if you mark the blameless person, their future is peace.

Ask yourself:

- What sins do I find "easy" to commit? These are areas where I need stronger spiritual fences.
- What am I a "magnet" for in my life? Am I attracting blessing or problems?
- How can I become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's conviction rather than having my conscience seared?
- What steps can I take this week to build stronger resistance to temptation?

True worship isn't just about singing songs - it's about fearing God, hating evil, and building a life that attracts His blessing and repels the enemy's work. As you align yourself with God's ways, you'll find yourself becoming a powerful blessing magnet!

Quotes

1. "There are true worshipers and there are false and deceptive worshipers"
2. "We worship what we fear."
3. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. That in itself is a powerful way to worship Him."
4. "Anytime you enjoy evil, you open the door for it to come into your life. But when you fear God and truly worship Him, you position yourself for His presence to manifest in your life."
5. "Many of the problems people face are the result of what they're attracting."
6. "God's grace will always level the playing field."
7. "The unbeliever is sanctified by the believer—the believer isn't defiled by the unbeliever."
8. "You can't deliberately disobey the Holy Spirit, go against God's direction, and then expect Him to bless it."
9. "Mark the blameless man and consider the upright, for his future is peace."
10. "All it takes is for God to flick the devil away."
11. "Every time you cross the line and trespass, it becomes easier to do it again."
12. "We can either live a lifestyle that makes it easier and easier to sin, or one that makes it harder and harder to do the wrong thing."
13. "I want to make it so hard for me to go the wrong way that I'd be exhausted and disinterested by the time I would ever give in."
14. "You can train your conscience to resist wrong so strongly that you literally tremble at any attempt to trespass."
15. "The Bible says the one who trembles at God's Word is blessed."

16. "If God hasn't given up on you, why give up on yourself? If He keeps forgiving, then keep repenting. Together, you and God can overcome anything."

17. "If you don't play with evil, you won't fear it when it shows up—you'll overcome it."

18. "When you choose God's way, then things can start going your way."

19. "When the devil tries to show up, we just laugh. We're not afraid—we flick him off and praise God."

20. "How do you create a money magnet? By giving. Every act of giving creates a magnet that draws blessing and increase back to you."

Verses

1. John 4:23

2. Proverbs 8:13

3. 1 John 1:9

4. James 1:20

5. Galatians 5:19-21

6. 1 Corinthians 7:14

7. Psalm 37:37

8. Luke 11:20

9. Isaiah 66:2

10. 1 Timothy 4:2

11. Luke 6:38

Summary

True worship involves sincerity and honesty, going beyond mere religious practices to genuinely fear the Lord and hate evil. Our spiritual environment significantly impacts our

lives, as we tend to attract what we associate with. By building spiritual resistance through God's Word and consistent obedience, we can become 'blessing magnets' rather than attracting problems. The key is examining our lives for areas of trespass, finding relevant scriptures, and strengthening our conscience through meditation and obedience. This process transforms us into true worshipers who experience God's peace, prosperity, and blessing.