

02/11/24 Message

Part of Same God - New Me
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Message: New Worship

Series: Same God

Welcome to FCC! This is our new series for the new year that will hopefully inspire a new you! A new year can't and won't change our lives, but God can! We allow ungodly influences to change who we are. Yet, He is there, arms open wide, with more love to give than we deserve. Regardless of what we do, He is the same God! He is the same God who loves us so much, He created us! He is the same God who loves us so much, He offers us salvation! He is the same God and He wants a new me!

Brimming with Worship

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NLT)

28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.
29 For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29 (MSG)

28 Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander.
29 He's actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

Don't you see what we've got?
- An unshakable kingdom!

Don't you see how thankful we should be?
- Not only thankful but brimming with worship!

Brimming

- To be filled to the point of overflowing; to be full!

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.

—*St. Augustine*

We can't be brimming or overflowing with worship because we're too full of everything else. We don't have room in our lives to do anything else - much less worship! Our hands are full! Our lives are busy! Ain't nobody got time for that!

—*Pastor Chad*

Making Time for Worship

Genesis 9

- Noah and his family came off the boat after the flood

Genesis 10

- Tells us about the families of Noah's sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth

Genesis 11

- Tower of Babel and scattering of the people, new languages
- Connects the dots between Noah's son, Shem and Abraham

Genesis 15

- God promises Noah a great reward and protection

Genesis 17

- Abraham was 99 years old and God changed his name from Abram to Abraham, promising him "countless" descendants
- God gave Abraham the Abrahamic Covenant
- descendants will become many nations and kings will be among them

Genesis 17:19

- God promises Abraham a son, Issac

Genesis 22:2-8 (NLT)

2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

7 Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

8 "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

Abraham prepared the altar and wood for the fire. He tied Isaac to the altar, then picked up the knife, and when ready to stab Isaac...

Genesis 22:11-12 (NLT)

11 At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!"

12 "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

Genesis 22:5

"...We will worship there..."

Genuine Worship

Abraham went to the altar to worship!

This was the first time "worship" was used in the Bible.

When we change our position and give ourselves to God, completely - wholly - all that we are and all that we will ever be - we are saying, God you are worth it! I am giving you a sacrifice of praise, a sacrifice of my tithes

*and offerings, a sacrifice of my service to you, a sacrifice of everything I am and everything I will ever be...
Because God - you are worthy! It might be a sacrifice to me, but you are worth it!*

—Pastor Chad

Abraham gave Isaac to God because God was worth it!

Have you ever worshipped God in complete sacrifice, complete abandon?

Isn't He worth it?

Same God - it's time for new worship!