



Standing Strong In The Storms of Life

Coming Back To The Heart of Worship

Ezra 3:1-13

worship - *sebomai* - to live with such a reverential respect and adoration of God that it has affected your whole lifestyle

Acts 13:50

But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Acts 17:4

And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

Matthew 15:9

But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

Isaiah 29:13

Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,"

worship – *latreuo* - to serve as an act of worship

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Philippians 3:3

for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

2 Timothy 1:3

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Worship - *proskeuno* - to prostrate oneself before God in humility and in respect for who He is

Hebrews 11:21

By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

John 4:23

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

1. Coming Back to the Heart of Worship Involves a Return to Where One Departed

2. Once We Have Come Back to the Cross, Then Our Rejoicing Can Begin

Psalms 106:1

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalms 100:5

For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

Jeremiah 33:11

the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting"; and of those bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were at first," says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:31

affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

3. Even In Our Rejoicing There Is Still the Reminder of the Consequences of Sin

Haggai 2:3

"Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it seem to you like nothing in comparison?"



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