

ACTIVATE School Of Worship

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Session 2—Heart of Worship—Caleb Gudgeon

Saul's Heart in Worship

1 Samuel 13:7-14

David's Heart in Worship

2 Samuel 12:11-13

Proverbs 21:2—*A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.*

Matthew 15:8—*These people honor me with their lips, but their Hearts are far from me.*

Psalm 51:For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Honesty in Sin and Repentance

- ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Restoration

- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Selflessness and Mission Mindset

- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

Praise

- ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Humility

- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

A. Elements of worship from Psalm 51

1. Repentance and Honesty - Painful Worship

- a. **2 Chronicles 7:14** —*if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*
- b. **1 John 1:9** —*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
- c. **Proverbs 28:13**—*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

2. Restoration - Open to Change

- a. **Ephesians 4:22-24**—*Put off old things...and let the Holy Spirit renew our mind.*
- b. **2 Corinthians 5:17**—*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

3. Selflessness and Mission Mindset - Healing in Unity

- a. **Matthew 22:36-40**—*Love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul, and mind and love your neighbor as your self.*
- b. **1 Peter 3:8**—*Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.*

4. A heart of Praise

- a. **Psalm 47:1-2**—*Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with a voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*
- b. **Psalm 150**—*...Praise Him...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*
- c. **Ephesians 5:19-21**—*...Making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always...*

5. Humility of the heart - Personal sacrifice

- a. **Philippians 2:8**—*He (Jesus) humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death...*
- b. **Colossians 3:12**—*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*
- c. **James 4:6-10**—*Submit to God...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.*
- d. **Matthew 5:3**—*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

B. Steps to develop a “Heart after God’s Heart”

1. The Secret Place - Prayer and Meditation

- **Psalm 91:1-2**—Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.
- **Philippians 4:8**—Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, praiseworthy...Think on these things.
- **Ephesians 4:21-24**—Put on a new self...renewing of the mind.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**—If any man be in Christ He is a new creation.

2. Analyzing the idols in our hearts.

- What do we worship?
- Selfishness and Pride. The “I” statements.

3. Don’t grow idle in your relationship with God.

- **Matthew 25:31-46** - The goats and the sheep

4. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart

- **Jeremiah 17:9-10**—The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.
- **Luke 15:8-10** - The woman searches intensely for the coin.