



Why Worship Matters

TEXT: *REFORMED WORSHIP*

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The Protestant Reformation

1. The Reformers were concerned with the *supremacy* of the Scriptures in all aspects of life and doctrine.
2. Right Doctrine > Right Thinking > Right Living –R.C. Sproul
3. Reformed Doctrine = Bible Based Doctrine (Sola Scriptura)
4. Regular worship before God is to be an integral part of life.
5. A right relationship with God leads to right worship of him

Saved To Worship



1. Believers are to know God, to draw near to him, to glorify him, and to enjoy him forever.
2. How we worship matters greatly to God
3. “Reformed Worship” means worshiping according to the scriptures that God has given.
4. The styles and order of worship may vary but the word of God is the only foundation for the way we worship.

WEEK DATE TOPIC HOMEWORK

1	1/7	Introduction	Read Forward + Introduction
2	1/14	The Promise	Read chapter 1
>> 1/21 Special Speaker			NO CLASS
>> 1/28 Mission Fest Preview			NO CLASS
3	2/4	The Purpose	Read chapter 2
4	2/11	The Principle	Read chapter 3
5	2/18	The Power & the Pillars	Read chapter 4
6	2/25	The Pattern	Read chapter 5

WEEK DATE TOPIC HOMEWORK

1	3/4	Introduction	Read Forward + Introduction
2	3/11	The Promise	Read chapter 1
3	3/18	The Purpose	Read chapter 2
4	3/25	The Principle	Read chapter 3
>> 4/1 Easter Week			NO CLASS
5	4/8	The Power & the Pillars	Read chapter 4
6	4/15	The Pattern	Read chapter 5

Decently And In Order

1 Cor 14:40 *“Let all things be done decently and in order”*

Joshua 1: 7-8 *Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success^[a] wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Reformed Worship

- ▶ Reformed Worship- A form of worship centered around God's Word.
- ▶ An emphasis on *simplicity and reverence*
- ▶ Adherence to **God's** expectations for proper worship
- ▶ WSC: Q1. ***What is the chief end of man?***

The Main Idea-Reformed Worship

- ▶ A Reformed approach to worship focuses on HOW Christ himself *mediates* our worship.
- ▶ In his word, Christ provides the *means* (of grace) by which his people are to worship God
- ▶ All three Persons of the Trinity are to be humbly worshipped. All are active in our redemption

Meaning of Worship?

- ▶ Relates to what happens when God draws near
- ▶ Our response to meeting and communing with God.
- ▶ **Matt 15:8** *“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;”*
- ▶ **Jn 4:23-24** *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

True Worship Involves the Following:

1. A right mental *understanding* of who God is-The Most High God, Almighty God.
2. A right *affection* and *respect* for God.
3. A right *valuing* of God as having infinite worth, power, wisdom, and glory.
4. An *authentic*, heartfelt awe, love, humility, and reverence for God as our Creator, Redeemer, and LORD.

In Approaching God – Know Who He Is

- ▶ Almighty God and not a man.
- ▶ The Most High God, The Eternal God->"The maker of heaven and earth."
- ▶ The "I Am" God of Moses. He is self-existent.
- ▶ He is the Living God and there is no other.
- ▶ As God, he "will not share his glory with another."

Genuine Worship Is Necessary

- ▶ **Hebrews 13:15-16** *“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*
- ▶ We are to live sacrificial lives before God by:
 1. Offering up verbal praise and homage to Him .
 2. Doing good works in the form of acts of love and service.

Class#1 Summary

- ▶ Worship is- Our response to meeting God.
- ▶ Our worship is informed by our understanding of who God is and his exalted position as the Most High God => **Heartfelt** worship
- ▶ God desires order and dignity as he is being worshipped.
- ▶ God has given instructions for **how** and **when** we are to worship him.
- ▶ God leads us in worship through the Holy Spirit's prompting and enabling. **Christ** is our worship leader and means of approach.

Class #1 Summary

- ▶ Our worship is made acceptable through Christ who acts both as our Redeemer and Mediator before the Father.
- ▶ The Father is seeking those who will worship him in spirit and truth.
- ▶ Sunday services are to be preeminent in our lives and a scripture-bathed time of corporate worship and spiritual renewal.

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