

Acts of Worship

Scripture: Hebrews 11:17-19
2 Samuel 24:24

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 **concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead**, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

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Introduction

Here are the greatest acts of worship we can bestow upon the Lord our God. They do not look religious, and are unseen by others, but the Lord recognizes them as worship.

I. Returning the first installment of His promise to Him

Genesis 22:5 (NKJV) And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and **I will go yonder and worship**, and we will come back to you."

- A. Relinquishing the responsibility of fulfilling the promise to Him
- B. Trusting Him to perform His word
- C. Making it worship to yield to Him

II. Giving

Matthew 25:40 (NKJV) "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**'"

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- A. The principle of costly worship
Luke 21:4 (NKJV) "for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

- B. The principle of "giving to the least"
Matthew 25:37-39 (NKJV) "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
 1. Viewing the afflicted as Him
 2. Viewing the insignificant as Him

III. Obedience

Acts 26:19 (NKJV) "Therefore, King Agrippa, **I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,**

- A. When we don't understand
- B. When it seems unreasonable
- C. Making our only option to trust Him

IV. Fellowship

Luke 2:36-37 (NKJV) Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but **served God with fastings and prayers night and day.**

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. **If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him**, and he with Me.

- A. Involves inviting Him to participate in our lives
- B. Involves two - way communication
- C. Involves building a relationship