

Worship

Scripture: Genesis 22:5

Introduction

Worship involves more than singing and speaking praises, lifting the hands or offering a gift. Worship is a lifestyle of obedient compliance with God's will and a life of absolute trust in Him.

Worship cannot occur without:

I. Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22b NIV To obey is better than sacrifice

- A. Obedience acknowledges God's supreme authority
- B. Obedience acknowledges God's infinite wisdom
- C. Obedience acknowledges God's loving concern
- D. Obedience acknowledges God's faithfulness

II. Commitment

2 Samuel 24:24 NIV But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

- A. I will worship God regardless of the price
- B. I will worship God regardless of the inconvenience
- C. I will worship God consistently
 - 1. Our spirit must govern
 - 2. Our feelings must not be trusted

III. Trust

Job 13:15 KJV Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him

- A. The example of Abraham
 - 1. He did not question God
 - 2. He made immediate preparations to obey
 - 3. He viewed all he was doing as an act of worship

- 4. He sacrificed the son promised by God
 - 5. He trusted God to continue to fulfill His promise
- B. I don't understand, but I trust

Conclusion

1 Chronicles 16:29 KJV Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 96:9 KJV O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

John 4:24 KJV God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.