



# The Heart of Worship


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# Worship

- What does worship mean to you?
- Who worships?
  - every human being!!
- The question is who/what you worship?

# A Wrong Way and a Right Way

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- John 4:20-24
  - The wrong way: the physical only (v20)
  - The right way: spirit and truth (v23-24)

# Saul

- I Samuel 15
- started out little (v17)
- hand-picked to be the first king of God's chosen people (v17)
- given a mission by God (v18)
- in public: wanted to worship (v30)
- in secret:
  - not interested in obeying God (v11)
  - loves attention (v12)
  - seeks honor of people (v30)
- calling given to David - "man after God's own heart"

# Abraham

- Genesis 22
- not perfect – made many mistakes
- believed God (Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23)
- given a mission by God (v2)
- in public: wanted to worship (v5)
- in secret:
  - listened to God's voice (v1-2)
  - obeyed even though it cost him *everything* he had (v3)
- called the father of faith (Galatians 3:7)

# Old or New Covenant Worship

- Hebrews 9 (Old: v1-10, New: v11-28)
- Old Covenant:
  - worship (v1)
  - Most Holy Place out of bounds
  - emphasis on building, rituals, etc.
- New Covenant:
  - veil rent when Jesus said "It is finished"
  - we can boldly go to the throne (Hebrews 4:16)
  - **"If the only time you worship is on Sunday morning, you are living an Old Covenant life!"**

# The Power of Worship

- God draws near to us (James 4:8):
  - outward: hands cleansed from sin
  - inward: hearts purified from double-mindedness
  
- We triumph over Satan (Revelation 12:11):
  1. the blood of the Lamb
  2. the word of our testimony
  3. the sacrifice of our own life and will in secret

# Coming Back To The Heart Of Worship

When the music fades and all is stripped away, I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
Every single breath