

AMAZING WORSHIPERS

Introduction

- 1) God is worthy of **worship** (Rev. 4:10-11), and seeks those who would worship Him as He desires (Jn. 4:23); *proskuneo* (Gk) – an act of homage or reverence (Vine)
- 2) It is our duty and privilege to worship our God and Creator (Psa. 95:6-7; 96:4-9)
 - a) All who worship God acceptably are precious and special to God
- 3) We must not allow our worship to become stale or routine; we must never forget what a privilege and responsibility we have to worship God, and treasure it always!
- 4) There are some **amazing worshipers** in the Bible – not simply because they worshiped God, but because of the circumstances in which they worshiped God; let us marvel and learn!

I) **ABRAHAM – Great Sacrifice**

A) **Genesis 22:1-12**

- 1) Abraham worshiped God in accordance with God's commandment
 - 2) His worship would involve a burnt offering...his son, Isaac!!
- B) Abraham demonstrated great faith in trusting God as he prepared to worship (see Heb. 11:17-19)
- 1) Did not excuse himself by saying: "God requires too much of me in worship; I can't do it"
 - 2) Abraham was willing to give up whatever was necessary to worship God
 - a) Very few today have the faith to make severe sacrifices – "too far" "too much" "too inconvenient" "too long" "too ____"
 - b) Compare example of wise men – long, far journey to worship Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12)
- C) Consider: Would you give up things in order to worship God faithfully?

II) **JOB – Great Distress**

A) **Job 1:13-20**

- 1) After great loss and in great distress, Job worshiped God
 - 2) Drawn to God in the midst of personal calamity and confusion
- B) Could have used many excuses to avoid worshiping God if he so desired
- 1) We can usually find many minor excuses to not worship – too busy, out of town, friends or family dropped in, visiting others, etc.
 - 2) In times of distress and grief, we should want to seek God and His consolation (see 1 Pet. 5:6-7; why hospitals have "chapels")
- C) The testing of our faith will show our true devotion to God
- 1) See example of King David (2 Sam. 12:13-23)
 - 2) See example of Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24-25)
- D) Consider: Would you worship God in the midst of a very distressful time of life?

III) **DANIEL – Great Persecution**

A) **Daniel 6:3-10**

- 1) Daniel was faithful to God in his individual worship even when his life was threatened with the law of the king (see Acts 5:29)
 - 2) Could have used this as an excuse to put spiritual things "on hold" for awhile
 - a) Instead he put his life on the line to worship God
- B) Consider: Would you worship God even if it put your life in danger?

Conclusion

What if God had thought it "too much trouble" to make our salvation from sin possible? What amazing grace! Am I an "amazing worshiper" that would please God, putting Him first?