

Make Sure Our Worship is Worship

Not only is the Bible a guideline on how God expects us to live, it also gives us insights on how God thinks about things. In Amos Chapter 4, God reveals how He thinks about worshiping inappropriately. **“Come to Bethel and transgress...”** (v 4)! Bethel was a place of worship, yet God told them that even though they were at the right place, they were transgressing or sinning! They weren't really worshiping! He went on to say in verse 4, **“...at Gilgal multiply your transgression...”** God was showing them that they were making their sin worse by worshiping inappropriately!

In verse 5, God explained that they loved to go through the ceremonies of worship, but they were not really worshiping! God responded to this kind of worship by trying to get them to repent and return to Him.

How did God try to get their attention? In verse 6, He took away their food. In verse 7, He took away the rain! In verse 9, He ruined their crops. In verse 10, He sent pestilences like those of Egypt. In verse 11, He allowed them to be defeated. Yet in every case, God noted, **“yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.”**

After doing so much to try to get them to really worship Him, God said in verse 12, **“...prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.”** In other words, **“I am coming in Judgment!”**

Let's be sure our worship really is worship! ~ David Conley

David's Devotional

If we could ask God for one thing, what would it be? A million dollars? World peace? Happiness? King David said that he desired **“one thing.”** **“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple”** (Ps. 27:4). He wanted to get to know God better. God, help us all to want that **“one thing”!**

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It's Not Merely A Religion

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not merely found a religion. Rather, He established the kingdom of God. Therefore, the people who make up His kingdom or church (Matthew 16:18-19) are subject to the Lordship of Jesus. They live by the standards of righteousness of the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ is the Head, and His disciples are the members of His body (Colossians 1:18).

This body has only one Spirit – the Holy Spirit; only one heart – a new heart; only one mind – the mind of Christ; only one line of thinking – the Word of God; only one faith – a supernatural faith (in origin, Romans 10:17); only one character – God's character; only one guidance – the guidance of the Spirit of Jesus (2 Peter 1:20-21).

Anyone who is not in the body of Christ does not belong to the Lord Jesus. There is no use confessing Jesus as Lord if you do not obey Him or calling on Him if you do not listen to Him. Jesus said, **“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”** (Luke 6:46). There is no benefit from attending a church assembly if you don't behave as the Bible – particularly, the New Testament – teaches. For one to be in Jesus or to be a member of His body, a person must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5).

Especially Christians need to demonstrate in their behavior and speech that they abide by the Word of God. Impenitent, erring Christians ultimately will be rejected and vomited out like spoiled meat (Rev. 3:16). Sins sometimes observed even among Christians include hostility, gossip, prejudice and destructive criticism. **“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking”** (1 Peter 2:1). This type of behavior corresponds to the ungodly world and out not to be known among the children of God (Romans 12:1-2; James 4:4). The Lord's church is supposed to be different from the world! **“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord”** (Ephesians 5:8-10).

To be a Christian is to be owned and led by the Spirit of Christ. **“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His”** (Romans 8:9). ~Larry Martin

“For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's” (Romans 14:8). Don't forget to whom you belong. Christianity is not a spectator sport confined to the arena of a church building! ~ Kenny's Pennies

Keep These Dates in Mind	March Birthdays and Anniversaries					
<p>Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.</p> <p>Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.</p>	<p>Sammie Engelke 3/7 Tom & Thelma Gritzan 3/14 Doris Pennington 3/15 K'Lynn Tipps Faye Henry 3/17 Pansy Caywood 3/20 Fran Gregory 3/20 Lucy Larsen 3/23</p>					
<p>Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Studies</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="522 392 777 556"> <p>Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John</p> </td> <td data-bbox="777 392 980 556"> <p>Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p> </td> <td data-bbox="980 392 1235 556"> <p>Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John</p>	<p>Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a</p>
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In Our Prayers

Linda Lafferty is home but will have to have daily medication for the next five weeks and will be confined to the house.
Bob Harman was in the hospital with pneumonia. Keep him and the Tipps family in your prayers as they are going through this hard time in their lives.
Ron Stephens came home this week and will be having home care therapy.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death for God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Roman 8:1-4)

Our Ministries
Mountain States Children's Home
 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)
Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru
 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit
Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.
 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

What God Treasures

It is foolish to fail to think soberly about what really matters. Our secular world focuses on misguided values and attributes while failing to see that heaven's value system is so different from theirs. Far too many Christians suffer from low self-esteem simply because we have embraced a secular view of how we measure ourselves. The worldly view of importance is determined by the job we have, our educational attainments, how we look in the mirror measured by Hollywood's standard of beauty, and by the awards and honors we have received.

The proper view of beauty and outward appearance. If our value is determined by how beautiful or handsome we appear as we look in the mirror, we may all be in trouble. Answering one question can help us see that outward appearance does not show our value. How handsome was Jesus? "And when we see Him, He has no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isa. 53:2). His worth, and more importantly ours, is not determined by beauty. It's alright to be ugly!

The proper view of the kind of work we do and where we are employed. Our world says that the closer we are to making minimum wage the less important we are. How true is this? When Jesus came, what kind of job did He do? He was a laborer, a carpenter like His father. His worth, and more importantly yours, is not determined by the place you work. It is alright to have an insignificant job!

The proper view of your bank account. When God sent His Son into the world, how rich was He? If wealth really matters, then surely God would allow the King of the world to be wealthy. Those wise men from the east sought to find the new king in Herod's place—they were not that wise. Ignorant shepherds found Him with Divine guidance. "You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). How wealthy was He in His adult life? "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has no place to lay His head" (Matt. 8:20). It's alright to be poor!

The proper view of education. The same question shows one's worth is not determined by the degrees he has earned. The educated men of His day said of Jesus, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied" (John 7:15)? It's alright to never have finished high school!

What are you worth? Let God answer the question for He alone knows what really matters. You matter—just ask God! "Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him" (James 2:5)? Just love God with all your heart and let Him determine what you are really worth! ~Dan Jenkins

Don't Minimize the Obvious

Sometimes when you hear something so often, you might be tempted to dismiss it as "simplistic" or "old hat," and think that you need to find something more modern or even more complex for it to be effective. That is not always the case. There is a statement made about King David in Second Samuel 5:10, which reveals that he "went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him" Certainly David's success was attributable solely to the presence of God in his life. Mark that down—it will be the same for you. But, why was the Lord with him? A variety of answers might be given but note these two things that the chapter tells us that David did: "David inquired of the Lord" (5:19, 23) and "David did as the Lord commanded him" (5:25).

Having the Lord on your side is not a complex matter. David prayed to God, and then David obeyed what God told him to do. God's promise to us when we do those two things is His abiding presence and our success in His eyes! ~David Sproule