

Worship & the Word

SOW teaching

Week overview:

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 - Defined in greek & n
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As one man said, "I milk a lot of cows, but I churn my own butter."

My journey with worship & the word

- Come from a rich history and love for music
 - My mom played sax in high school (get stats)
- I used to drum so much, I was duct taped to chairs to keep my hands from moving
- My earliest memory of anything God related was laying in bed with my shirt up and asking for a high 5 from angels
- Instead of drums, I choose to play the sax instead.
 - Played from 6 grade thru 8th (3 years)
 - Got in trouble for standing during the solo during a concert
 - Coaches made us choose between band & football. In front of the football team.
- Regarding the word... it was more of a set piece for my room than anything I actually read. I can remember literally cleaning the dust off of it when girls would come over.
- After salvation, the Bible still wasn't much to me.
- My first drum memory is super clear, it would of been after I was married, around the year of 2002 or 3. I was watching a video of Jeremey S. Lead worship in a town square in china. There was a guy playing djembe while Jeremy played guitar.
 - I got oddly emotional and remember the Lord telling me I was going to play drums, and ministry to other through it.
- Because of this, I went really soon after that and bought a drum on a credit card.
 - Was playing in a worship set 1 week later... but also felt like I had rushed it.
 - When God called us into YWAM for our DTS in 2004, I sold it for \$200 for my school.
 - Hard lesson learned. Also the Jetti.
- Came to DTS, played only the Djembe, but did so a lot during my DTS.
 - First time reading the whole NT
- It wasn't until I returned in 2006 for my SOME that I began to mess with drums.
 - Honestly, mostly with Rockband...which showed me I could actually play.
 - First time reading the whole OT
- It was during 2008 that Tommy Giles let me drum with him after worship sets, some times for over an hour.
 - His encouragement and grace is truly what gave me room to think I could learn

- Played Djembe in a couple Community night worship sets... would help sound check once in a while.
- Around 2009 we had a worship and warfare set, and there was only 1 song I could play drums for during a set, which happened to be the last one, I asked permission earlier if I could switch... we tried it and it wasn't 1/2 bad. I did it in the worship set, and that might of been when I was alerted to getting our Student loans paid off.
- It wasn't until we moved on the campus did I actually start playing drums. So around 2010 or 11.
- 2012
 - Rotten chick story. Did a BCC
- Had to deal with some really hard moments, and many MANY insecurities.
 - Playing personal songs
 - Other Drummers leading worship sets.
 - Battling comparison
 - Principle of Saul to David to Uriah
 - Many of which Kristen & Patrick helped me over come.
 - Ill never forget the first community night I drummed that Patrick was able to watch, I got so emotional with his joy over me.
- Asked to drum my first conference ever... Dont remember the year, but it was the "Not forgotten" conference put on my Rob F. They put a giant banner on the drum cage, so I couldn't see the crowd... which I didnt hate
- 2018
 - Stumbled into some bible teachings that lead me into some heretical ideals... regarding the bible's authority, inspiration & authorship... probably some of the darkest days of my YWAM/christian life so far.
 - July 14, 2018 "realignment day"
 - Massive word from the lord in the area of scriptural and character of God alignment.
 - Feb 21, 2019 fully restored and released to teach again. Prayed over and blessed by Darlene Cunningham.
 - Asked to teach Jeremiah in Montana for their SBS.

- Major drum/musical moment was the ENAG of 2019. I was asked to drum for our team for all the night sessions.
 - Messed up first set. I felt like it was real awkward.
 - Sent me into a bummed mood, walked back to the front.
 - Asked god... I just wanna know your happy with me, dont need a big sign, just wanna know your smiling at me.
- Feb of 2020
 - Get accepted into the Masters degree program.

First act of Worship

- The story of Cain & Abel Genesis 4
 - Gen 4:3
 - Who told them to make the offering? Did God demand it? Was it an attempt to say thank you? How does your view of God play out in this story?
 - Gen 4:4-5
 - "... The lord had *no respect*..."
 - Shaw-aw' = To gaze at
 - Gen 4:6
 - Notice the attitude of God, if the point was an offering, than why didnt God accept it?
 - God cared and continues to care more about relationships than sacrifice/ worship.
 - 1 Sam 15:22
 - Proverbs 21:3
 - Jeremiah 7:21-23
 - Matthew 12:7
 - Story of Sydney on Jordan outreach.
 - Gen 4:7
 - 1 John 3:11-12
 - Matthew 5:23-25
 - Gen 4:9
 - God again just asks questions...
 - Where is Abel your brother?
 - What have you done?
 - Gen 4:1-24
 - Follows Cain's story & line

- Gen 4:25-26
 - Switch back to Adam
- Gen 4:26
 - To *call* upon
 - Kaw-raw' = The idea of accosting a person, to call out to.

THE SETTING OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP

- People had worshiped before the events of this passage take place.
 - Gen. 4 shows Cain and Abel engaged in sacrifice and worship.
 - Gen. 4:26 says, "... then began men to call upon the name of the LORD."
 - Gen. 5:22 tells us that "Enoch walked with God..."
 - Gen. 6:9 tells us that Noah also "walked with God."
 - **Gen. 22: Abraham's Willingness To Sacrifice His Son, Isaac**
- People had been worshiping the Lord since the very beginning, but this is the first time the word "worship" is used.
 - This passage that describes the faith of Abraham teaches us some very powerful truths about worship.
- Gen 22:5
 - Worship = H7812 = shaw-khaw' = to lay prostrate (especially reflexively in homage to royalty or God) - bow, fall down humbly
 - 172 occurs & 166 verses

- **True worship is always guided by the Word of God. True worship is always a response to revelation.**

- Examples:
 - Many will go to their churches and engage in responsive readings, liturgies and formalism, and call it worship.
 - Others will dance around, lift their arms and shout. Some speak in tongues and faint and call it worship.
 - Still others will go to church, sit quietly in their pew, sing the songs, bow for prayer, listen to the preacher and call it worship.
 - Does any of these methods of assembly and doing church really result in worship?

- If we are going to worship the Lord, we must do it His way in the manner that he has prescribed.
 - **Following the traditions and customs of man is simply not worship.**
 - Genuine biblical worship is all that I am responding to all that God is, **as He is revealed in the Bible.**
 - **In other words, God says He loves me. God says He sent His Son to die for me. God says He will never leave me. God says that He will supply all my needs. God says He is my Father. The list could go on.**
 - When I understand Who God is and what He has done for me, I worship Him when I respond to His revelation with humility, gratitude and reverence.
 - So, yes, the person in the emotional church can worship. The person in the formal church can worship
 - The key is the attitude of the heart.

Other Biblical expressions of Worship

- Paul And Silas Singing In The Prison: Acts 16:24-26

- Considering that this duet was coming from two men who were beaten, bruised, and in shackles, their worship was pure, heartfelt, and honest. This song caught heaven's attention and when God started tapping his foot to the music, amazing things happened.

- The Woman With The Alabaster Box: Luke 7:36-50

- This woman was an outcast who had been used and abused. But something about the words and actions of Jesus caused her to bring her most valuable possession and pour it out in an expression of love and worship. In one moment, she pressed through fear, prejudices, shame, and created one of the most intimate moments of worship in the Bible.

- The Widow's Mite: Mark 12:41-44

- This simple act of giving an offering in the temple caught the attention of our Lord. It wasn't how much she gave, but, rather, how much it cost her personally that moved Jesus to say, "She gave more than anyone else."
- What moved this woman to give everything she had to God remains a mystery, but what is clear is that God considers our giving an act of worship.
- "People will judge the size of our God by the cost of our worship. If we can stop holding so tightly to our money and possessions, and allow the Christ-like character trait of generosity to manifest in our lives, we may discover a deeper worship encounter than we've ever known."

- Jesus' Surrender To God'S Will: Luke 22:41-43

- On the evening of his arrest, Jesus prayed for another option, if possible, than the cross. But then, he uttered the most amazing worship statement ever known when he said, “Not my will, but yours”. This statement of complete and total surrender from the lips of my precious Savior humbles me and makes me love Him even more.*
- Yes, I will keep singing songs of praise and playing music on instruments but I also hope that I can begin to step into the deeper realms of worship that are found in giving, sacrifice, and surrender.

- David Danced with Abandon: 2 Samuel 6:14

- Israel brought the ark of the covenant home to the tabernacle in Jerusalem, and King David's heart overflowed. The Bible says he “danced before the LORD with all his might.”
- This mighty warrior, public figure and chosen king was so consumed by God's glory he celebrated by dancing. His wife criticized him for his display of worship. She tried to make him feel embarrassed, but David told her it wasn't about what people thought. His worship—in this case dancing for the Lord—was an act of worship.

- **The characteristics of a worshipper**

- 1 Samuel 16:13-23

- How is David described?

- MSG

- One of the young men spoke up, "I know someone. I've seen him myself: the son of Jesse of Bethlehem, an excellent musician. He's also courageous, of age, well-spoken, and good-looking. And GOD is with him."

- NIV

- One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

- ESV

- One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the LORD is with him."

- KJV

- Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

- Break it down:

- **who is skillful in playing**

- Cunning:

- having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion:
 - This doesn't have to be negative.

- I doubt Satan saw David as a threat when until he started playing

- H3045

- To Know (Properly to ascertain by seeing, including observation, care, recognition & instruction)

- **a man of valor**

- mighty valiant man

- Valiant

- possessing or showing courage or determination

- Man

- H 2342

- Probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources

- ARMY!!!

- **a man of war**

- War:

- H4421

- the sense of fighting; battle (that is, the engagement)

- a state of armed conflict between different nations or states or different groups within a nation or state:

- **prudent in speech**

- Prudent:

- H995

- to separate mentally, diligently direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence,

- **a man of good presence**

- Comely:
 - H8389
 - Beautiful outline, figure or appearance, RESEMBLE!!!

- **the LORD is with him**

- 1 Samuel 16:13-14
 - This is interesting because we see the spirit of God move between Kings... this is cool when you think about it being before the the HS came in Acts 2.
 - and this the spirit fell on him BEFORE HE DID ANYTHING!!!!!!!!!!

- What happened to Saul?

- 1 Sam 16:23
 - And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.
- Spirit:
 - H7307
 - Wind; by resemblance breath

- **“In Scripture we find the prerequisites for worship, the invitation to worship, the authority for worship, the material for worship, the regulation of our worship, the message of worship, and the end to which worship should lead.”**

- *Article from The Gospel Coalition (June 6, 2013)*

- ***As James White puts it, “the first step toward making our worship more biblical is in giving the reading of God’s Word a central role in Christian worship on any occasion”***

- *“Making Our Worship More Biblical,” Perkins Journal 34:38*

- **The Word and the Prerequisites for Worship.**

- The Word of God helps to bring us to the point where our approach to God in worship is possible: it teaches us that we are dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1);
- it reveals that God has provided for redemption, forgiveness, and eternal life through the work of Jesus Christ; and it presents the opportunity to come by faith into a right relationship with the Father.
- “The washing of water with the Word” (Ephesians 5:26) provides the spiritual cleanliness which God requires for us to be able to enter confidently into his presence (Ps 15:1-2; Heb 10:19-22; 12:18-24).

- The Word as the Inviter to Worship.

- God has done everything to make our approach in worship possible, and in his Word he extends the invitation (or, command) to draw near.
 - Draw near to me
 - Knock and it will be opened
 - Return to me
 - Prodigal son

- The Word as the Authority for Worship.

- The fact of the matter is that every aspect of the service should serve to reflect and honor the Word of God.
 - The sermon (and the preacher) must be subservient to the Word: the Word must guide and control the preacher's thoughts and words if the sermon is to communicate God's message and not just the ideas of man.
 - The music must be subservient to the Word: the texts must reflect and express biblical truth, and the music itself must be a suitable medium to carry the text.
 - The musician(s) must also be subservient to the Word in terms of motivation and execution of the music.
 - In addition, prayers and readings must be consistent with biblical teaching, if not actually taken from Scripture. As John MacArthur has put it, "If we are to worship in truth and the Word of God is truth, we must worship out of our understanding of the Word of God" (The Ultimate Priority, 122-23).

- The Word as the Material for Worship.

- There are a number of ways in which the revelation of the Word can be communicated in the service, besides the sermon:
 - Scripture readings of all sorts
 - music (setting Scripture texts, and also faithfully presenting scriptural truth in paraphrased or freely composed form)
 - symbols (fish, cross, stained glass, etc.), carefully used drama (The Dialogue of Worship, 8- 15).
 - When Scripture and scriptural truth are pervasive in the service, then the acts of response will properly be understood as response to God's self-revelation through His Word.

- The Word as the Regulator of Worship.

- Worship must be guided and channeled by truth
 - i.e. be in accordance with what God has revealed about Himself and His ways
 - John 4:25-26 shows, must be through the Son, the Messiah, who is the truth John 15:6. As Furr and Price state: "This is the perfect blend: emotion regulated by understanding, enthusiasm directed by the Word of God" (125).

- The Word and the Message of Worship.

- Preaching is part of worship, and leads to worship.
 - John Piper calls preaching "expository exultation" and adds: "The all-pervasive, all- important, all-surpassing reality in every text is God. Whether he is commanding or warning or promising or teaching he is there. And where he is,

he is always supreme. And where he is supreme he will be worshiped” (“Preaching as Worship”).

- The Word and the End of Worship.

- The Word should rightly be exalted in our worship (because it is the Word of God), but not as an end in itself.
- For the ultimate goal of worship (as of the church and of our lives as believers) is to display and proclaim and magnify the glory of God.
- The glory of God will be well served in our worship as the Word speaks of the wonders of his person and his ways through reading, preaching, praying, singing, meditating, and practicing ordinances which are infused with and reflective of scriptural truth.
- The Word will enable us to obey its own command to “praise him according to his excellent greatness” (Ps 150:2).