

*“And They Fell to the Ground and Worshipped Him”*

Matthew 2:9-12

“God with Us”

During Christmas our entire focus shifts from whatever else might be occupying our time and turns toward Christ. During this Christmas season we readily acknowledge Jesus Christ as God. Because this is true, He merits our worship. Initially, I would like us to consider what the Bible means by worship.

The posture they struck is one of submission and humility. It is the position one takes in the presence of one’s master or king.

Community worship, that which we do on Sunday mornings, is an outworking of private worship, that which we do individually on our own. What is to characterize our worship of God? Our text points out four fundamental thoughts concerning biblical worship.

- I. Biblical worship is characterized by humility (“And they fell to the ground” Revelation 4:8-10)

You cannot worship without biblical humility.

The noted preacher, Charles Spurgeon, perhaps more succinctly defined humility as, “[making] a right estimate of one’s self.” You will never worship God correctly without first seeking who you are in contrast to who He is.

To worship properly we must have an accurate understanding of who we are and who God is.

- II. Biblical worship is characterized by gratitude (Psalm 136:1, 2, 3, 26)

Biblical worship is marked by gratitude. A thankful heart recognizes what it possesses it does not deserve. A thankful heart celebrates God’s graciousness. If you are not grateful, then you are not worshipping.

III. Biblical worship is characterized by generosity (“They presented to Him gifts” Luke 7:36-50)

Many consider this passage to parallel those found in Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, and John 12:1-8.

Consider the event found in Luke 7:36.

When you truly worship God, you will realize that you are only a steward. Such a realization will move the people of God to give freely of all that we possess.

Notice the nature of the gifts given. We will make certain inferences concerning their gifts.

- A. Gold is the gift for a king
- B. Frankincense is the gift for a priest
- C. Myrrh is the gift for one who is to die

Today, you and I are bringing our gifts before Him. We do this because He alone is worthy of such expressions of devotion.

IV. Biblical worship is characterized by correctness (John 4:24)

What separates false worship from true worship?

- A. Biblical worship demands a correctness of object
- B. Biblical worship demands a correctness of content

Because accuracy does matter as it relates to our worship of God, we will continue to be a ministry that focuses on a fuller understanding of who God is, what He has done, and who I am in relation to Him and His work.

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