

BEGINNING ANEW IN WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:1-8

INTRODUCTION: My prayer is that in these last seven weeks you may have made some new commitments to the Lord in the area of the spiritual disciplines we have been talking about: Bible study and prayer; service, witnessing, and giving and of course today worship. In our churches today nothing is fought over more than the modes of worship. So today let's look at what real worship truly is. True worship is when God's Spirit actually makes contact with our spirit and moves us to love and becoming more like our Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; it is not the mode of worship but does the worship move your heart. Isaiah 6:1-8: Isaiah had a glimpse of God.

I. TRUE FAITHFULNESS LEADS TO TRUE WORSHIP!

Isaiah went willingly to the Temple of God. Isaiah was where he was supposed to be and if he had not been where he was supposed to be he would have missed out on the worship of God. We can worship God anywhere but the Bible tells us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship: Hebrews 10:23-25. Worship is one of the corporate disciplines. It is better done together than alone. Our God has always set up certain places and certain times to meet with Him. The early church met together to worship and study about their God on the first day of the week. Our God is still seeking worshippers: John 4:23-24. Isn't it interesting that God seeks our true worship: So true worship is our human response to God's initiative to be worshipped. Psalm 122:1.

II. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL IN WORSHIP!

In true worship we need to see the Lord: Isaiah 6:1. Today we desperately need a glimpse of the glory of God. He is to be the object of our worship. Worship isn't about us at all, it is all about Him. When we begin to see the Lord as high and lifted up and we talk of His wisdom and love we cannot help but begin praising Him. John 14:19-21. True worship helps us not only see the Lord but also to see ourselves as we truly are: Isaiah 6:1-5. When Isaiah saw God's holiness he also saw his own sinfulness. Isaiah saw the Lord and then maybe for the first time saw himself as he really was. True worship requires an acknowledgement of our sin and repentance: 1 John 1:8-10; Isaiah 6:6-7. Right when we honestly confess our God completely cleanses us.

III. TRUE WORSHIP LEADS TO TRUE SERVICE!

You see worship isn't the end; true worship moves us and energizes us to do the work of God. Isaiah 6:8. True worship always leads to true service for our Lord: Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:13-14. True worship always leads us to desire to serve our Lord in some capacity. True worship leads to some type of service for the glory of the Lord we have worshiped.