

Wired for Worship
"Worship Involves Sacrifice"
Sunday, August 8, 2010

2 Samuel 24:24 (NIV)

²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them.

Is worship really worship if it cost us nothing?

NT two words are used for worship:

1. **Greek Word:** προσκυνέω

Transliteration: proskyneō

Means: Attitude of honor and reverence, to bow down or kiss the hand of a king. Like a dog liking the hand of his master

God is spirit, and his worshipers must **worship** in spirit and in truth." **John 4:24 (NIV)**

2. **Word:** λατρεία

Transliteration: latreia

Means: To serve

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Romans 12:1 (NIV)

What We Have Been Doing:

- Telling God that he is great and we think that he will be content with it.
- Whether our words are genuine or not.
- Words are easy to say
- Saying and singing makes us feel better even when our hearts don't back up our words
- For too long we have been cheating God

"Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God-for who He is and what He had done! Expressed in and by the things **we say** and the way **we live.**" - Louie Giglio

Isaiah 29:13

The Master said:

"These people make a big show of saying the right thing,
but their hearts aren't in it.

Because they act like they're worshipping me
but don't mean it,

How does God want us to respond to Him for who He is and what he has done?

1. He want us to be the offering or a “living sacrifice”

¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. **Romans 6:13 (NIV)**

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. **Romans 12:1 (NIV)**

2. The price of our offering is our WHOLE life

¹ So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: **Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life**—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.
Romans 12:1 (MSG)

Digger Deeper on Your Own:

1. Read the prophesy of Isaiah in Isaiah 29:13 and read about the prophesy being fulfilled in Mark 7:1-23.
2. Jesus was addressing worship with Pharisees, what specific issue was he addressing?
3. What similarities do you see in what Jesus addressed with the Pharisees and what he could address in our lives today?

Questions to talk about as a family:

1. Think about the words sacrifice and service. What thoughts or images positive or negative do they bring to mind?
2. The idea of presenting ourselves as an offering or living sacrifice to God was present, what are your thoughts about that? What does that look like played out in your life?
3. What could serve as motivation for offering your whole life to God?
4. How can we be sure that we are worshiping God with more than just our words, but with our whole lives?

The Big Idea: Worship involves the sacrifice of our WHOLE life