

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 13th March

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Rhythm of Life: Lives of Worship

Bible passages: 1 Chronicles 16.23-34; Romans 12.1-2

Introduction

- 'Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.' David Foster Wallace
- God alone is worthy of our worship - deeds and character

Worship

- shachah/proskuneo – bow down e.g. 1 Chronicles 16.29
- abad/latreuo – serve e.g. Romans 12.1

Lives of Worship

1. Gathering with others to worship regularly – bow down
 - Because God is worthy of our worship
 - Because worshipping God gives perspective
 - Because worshipping together encourages and challenges us
 - Because worshipping together helps us grow
2. Worshipping God in our daily lives – serve
 - Offering ourselves to God in our lives at home, in our community and at work
 - 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord' (Colossians 3.23)

Conclusion

'There is no space in which worship should not take place, no time when it should not occur, and no activity through which it should not happen. All dimensions of human life are the 'temples' in which Christians should honour their God' (Miroslav Volf)

Some questions for discussion

1. What things do you give worth to apart from God? Have any of these become idols which take God's place?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 16.23-34. David worships God because of what he has done and who he is. What would inspire your worship of God today?
3. Read Romans 12.1-2. How does Paul broaden your understanding of what worship can involve?
4. The Bible talks about worship being about bowing down and service. What might this mean for your life of worship?
5. Why do you think it is important to regularly meet with others to worship God? Where does this fit in your rhythm of life?
6. How might you do daily tasks 'as working for the Lord'?
7. Where does service fit in your rhythm of life?
8. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through these passages? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Matthew 4.10

Why not spend some time worshipping God and ask him to help you grow in worship?

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