Back to the Basics pt3

The Value of God’s Presence

Exodus 33:7-17
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A. We began the series w/ “The Profile of a Worshipper”

B. JESUS “distinguishes” the category or class OF Worshipper in which the Father is looking for - TRU\(\text{E}(\text{alēthinós})\) – genuine, real as opposed to false or pretend

C. John 4:23-24 outlines the “Profile of a Worshipper”
   • A True Worshipper must be one that does so in:
     1. In Spirit
     2. and Truth
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A. Credentials of a TRUE WORSHIPPER

1. First, We must ACQUIRE the spiritual nature of God

1. In Meeting the Second Credential..., we must accept God’s WORD as the Ultimate SOURCE OF Truth
   • ...thy word is truth (Jn 17:17)
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DEVELOPING A HEART OF WORSHIP

A. Understanding Worship

- Worship is to live my life consistently in the presence of God.
- I live my life in such a way that doesn’t—MOVE ME—from His presence

A. To develop a heart of a worshipper - I must recondition my heart to respond properly to GOD.

1. First, by Circumcising my Heart

   - Baptism and faith are the tools to circumcise a heart
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• What is Circumcision?
• Circumcision is a metaphoric way of implying an agreed covenant between God and man. You are allowing God to cut away the useless flesh of your heart; revealing a yielded Spirit.

1. 2nd by REMOVING THE UNCLEAN

• Understanding I am the dwelling place of God, I must work to remove those things that are Unclean...in order to enter into His Presence. PS 24.3

a. The heart – Pure Heart
b. The hands - Clean Hands
c. Our mouths/lips – Whose lips speak deceit
d. Hidden passions – Who has not lifted soul to Idols
What gives something its value?

- Value is usually determined by:
  1. The uniqueness of the item
  2. An item's unusual features
  3. Its rare existence
  4. There is a great demand, but a limited supply of the item
  5. It usually attracts high assessments
  6. Someone is always trying to (cash in) make a counterfeit of it
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A. The Main Emphasis of Value

• An item must be valued by the consumer or possessor.

• If you don’t see the value in that item ..... you either neglect it or abuse it!
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- What people say with their mouths comes from what fills their hearts. Those who are good have good things saved in their hearts. That's why they say good things. But those who are evil have hearts full of evil, and that's why they say things that are evil.
- *(Matt 12:34(b)-35 ETRV)*

- A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. *(Mt 12:35).*
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• MEANING- My heart is a place of **DEPOSITS** and **WITHDRAWALS** of the things I value!

• *Treasure/Treasury* (thesaurus)- the place in which good and precious things are collected and laid up; *where valuables are kept.* 1b a treasury. 1c storehouse, repository,

• WHAT I TAKE IN *(Deposit)* EITHER SHAPES WHAT I DO OR WHAT I SAY *(Withdrawals)*
A. A True Worshipper has to regulate what he DEPOSITS

- Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart… (Jer. 15:16 -NKJV)

- Your laws are my treasure; they are my heart’s delight. (Psa. 119:111- NLT).

- I always obey his commands. I love the words from his mouth more than I love my food. (Job 23:12 -ETRV)

- Your instructions are more valuable to me than millions in gold and silver. (Psa. 119:72 -NLT)
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A. GOD’S PRESENCE will expose what is in your heart

1. Ananias and Sapphira (Deceit) Acts 5:1-10
2. ISAIAH (Filthy Heart) Isa. 6:1-4
3. JOSHUA (Worshipful) Jos. 5:13-15
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What Makes Joshua Different?

1. He **Valued** His relationship with GOD
   Ex. 33:11

2. He allowed the Word to get into his heart
   Jos. 1:8
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WHAT MAKES GOD’S PRESENCE VALUABLE?

1. GOD’s presence shows his favor is with us
2. GOD’s presence sets us apart from everyone else