

Worship

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Chapter 1

(ASV) Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

I've heard a lot of folks say "you no longer have to follow what the law says when you are living under grace." What most of them are saying is that you can go on and steal, kill or fornicate and still be declared righteous, they nullify the role of the law in our lives but what does the bible say about the law? (KJ V) Matthew 5:17-19 think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven, clearly Jesus said he came that the law might be fulfilled in us, not by walking with a checklist like what the Pharisees did but because grace teaches us to do what is written in the law and the prophets.

It then remains our choice to heed unto what grace is teaching us, for many people continue in sin not because they are merely humans but because God is such a gentleman, he does not force his way into someone's life but he gives us a choice in everything. So, those who are living under grace, of course, we are being taught every day by the holy spirit our teacher as the bible says (BBE) Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has come, giving

Remember Cain, he served God through sacrificing his produce from the field but without faith, though he served God, he did not do it obediently and faithfully because he selected the weak for the Lord.

The book of Exodus goes on to say that what God will do for the Israelites as a result of serving God faithfully and obediently. This is one of the most appropriate examples, the other example is Genesis 22 but we will talk about it in later chapters. (ESV) Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths". Worship encourages us to acknowledge God in everything, leaning not to our understanding but our Lord's. This means that if we understand that we are under God's authority, whatever he tells us to do we do it without challenging his authority, thus portraying obedience and faith in that we are trusting God with our lives. These two elements: faith and obedience are the backbone of worship, so it is said in Proverbs, he will make our endeavors prosper. (ESV) Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope", this verse brings to light what it means to acknowledge God because it says here, he (God) knows the plans, the course that can give us a future, hope and also prosperity, so by listening and doing what he says makes our paths straight even though we may encounter some challenges on our way to greatness, the bible says in (ESV) Revelations 1:17b "fear not, I am the first and last", meaning he has always been there before we existed, and in the future he is also there, so he knows what ought to happen and also what will happen, this is the reason why he is saying fear not because he knows that everything will be well, we also know that all things work together for the good to those who were called according

CHAPTER 2

(NET) 1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Worship is not merely an action that we do but rather the intention of every action. The word worship is used many times in the bible in different ways such as lying down, raising hands, stooping, bowing down and many other actions are referred to as worship but it all comes back to the intentions behind those actions Godward. Everything we do is governed by our minds and what is in our hearts.

In English, it is defined in many different ways but it all come to the fact that worship is paying or rendering reverent honor or paying homage in every way possible and this includes every aspects of an individual's life. One of the words in Hebrew that is used for worship is shachah which is to stoop, crouch, fall down, bow down, prostrate all these actions being done humbly paying homage to God. One of the Greek words used to describe worship is proskuneo that is to prostrate oneself in homage. In Strong's concordance it goes on to say to kiss like a dog licking his master's hand, this shows an element of humility.

All these are actions but what really matters is the reason behind every action. When worshiping there are things that we need to consider as mandatory or the backbone of worship which are faith and obedience. God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God”.

CHAPTER 3

(KJV) Psalms 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

This is a very good and sensible question; for there are things we must take into consideration for us not to lie to ourselves saying “we are Christians” or “we are Worshipers”.

We have heard that we cannot please God without Faith. What is it to have faith in the Lord? It is to believe in Jesus Christ and we cannot have faith in someone or much less believe in someone whom we do not have a relationship with simply because we do not trust in that person. I’ve never seen anyone trust in a person he has never heard of or met before.

So, firstly we must have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The bible says (KJ V) John 14:6 “Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me”. The New English Translation says “no one comes to the Father except through me”. So, we can only have a relationship with the father through the son Jesus Christ for he is the only way to the father and there’s no other way. This also takes the willingness to be in the relationship, for the bible says Jesus came to his own, but his people did not receive him, but as many as received him, to them he gave the power to be sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:11-12).

So, everything is based on Jesus Christ, so if we want to have a relationship with the father, and be his sons we must believe in Jesus. Jesus means ‘Jehovah is salvation’ so, we get our sal-