

AfterThoughts

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To Be Found Faithful As God's People

Worship Is Our Response

This week, Pastor David continued the series entitled “To Be Found Faithful As God’s People.” Today, we looked at Dawson’s third Theological Vision Statement: **Worship Is Our Response.**

1. **The Priority Of Congregational Worship**
2. **The Heart Of Congregational Worship**
3. **The Expressions Of Congregational Worship**

Going Deeper:

- For 2000 years, it has been the practice of Christians to gather on Sunday (resurrection day) to focus our mind’s attention and heart’s affection corporately on God. Why is congregational worship important? What do you do to regularly prioritize congregational worship?
- Pastor David shared that the heart of our congregational worship is spirit and truth—the revelation of the Holy Spirit and the revelation of the truth of Scripture. When do you find yourself tempted to focus on the emotional aspects of worship instead of being anchored on both “spirit and truth”? Explain.
- While preference in worship music (songs) is normal, worship isn’t just about our preferences but about deference to others in our church. How are you encouraged by others as we sing during congregational worship?
- While we do not have a detailed description of what worship will be like in Heaven, we know that it will not be about the “What” (type of music/songs) but about the “Who” (our Lord Jesus). How are you challenged by that truth? How does it give you comfort?

Additional Information:

Psalm 105:3

Exodus 15:11

Romans 12:1

Exodus 20:2–3

Hebrews 10:24–25

John 4:23–24

Colossians 3:16

“Worship is focusing our mind’s attention and heart’s affection on God.”

– Unknown

“In the day to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.”

– David Foster Wallace

“Truth without emotion produces dead orthodoxy and a church full ... of artificial admirers ... On the other hand, emotion without truth produces empty frenzy and cultivates shallow people who refuse the discipline of rigorous thought. But true worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine. Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of biblical worship.”

– John Piper

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6:24–26

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