

“God Takes Great Delight In My Obedience: The Heart Of Worship”

1 Samuel 15:10-11,22-23,29,35

“Resolved, never to give over, nor in the least to slacken my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.” (Jonathan Edwards)

“IF you will fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. But IF you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king” (1 Samuel 12:14-15). “If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good” (Joshua 24:20).

“Biblical anthropomorphism is when human characteristics are projected on God. The Bible has examples of God referring to Himself in anthropomorphic terms and the biblical writers referring to God in anthropomorphic terms — the purpose being to describe God in terms more understandable to humans.”

- The *Emotions* of God: “When we regret something it’s because we didn’t know what would happen. When God regrets something, He knows the outcome beforehand but experiences the emotion of it inside of time. Our responses and behaviors matter to God (cf. Romans 11:33-36).
 - 1) God has personhood, that is, the state of having intellect, emotion, and volition.
 - 2) All of God’s emotions are perfect and perfectly motivated.
 - 3) When God expresses emotion it does not change who God is, God’s will, or God’s promises.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6). “God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?” (Numbers 23:19). “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8; cf. 1 Samuel 15:29).

 - 4) God is never portrayed as emotionally uninvolved with His creation.
 - 5) We act as if God’s only emotion is love and we define that “love” as passivity towards humanity, sin, and the consequences of sin.
 - God expresses hatred (Psalm 5:4-6; 11:5-7). God expresses anger/wrath (Deuteronomy 9:22; Romans 1:18; Psalm 2:12; 6:1; 7:11). God expresses grief (Ephesians 4:30; Psalm 78:40). God expresses jealousy (Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Joshua 24:19). God expresses love (Romans 5:8; John 3:16; Jeremiah 31:3). God expresses joy (Jeremiah 32:41; Isaiah 62:5; Zephaniah 3:17).
 - Jesus wept (John 11:35). Jesus felt compassion (Mark 6:34). Jesus was overcome with sorrow (Matthew 26:38). Jesus was angry (Mark 3:5). We serve a God who is emotional.
- *Worshiping relationally, not religiously:* (1 Samuel 15:15,21,25,30)
 - Worship is to be done in spirit (emotions) and in truth (according to the Word of God): *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.” (John 4:23)*
 - Pleasing worship is worship where our hearts, our mouths, and our actions align: *“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

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Worship: Psalm 18 — Citizens

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor — Matt Boswell

Service Times: Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- True worship is in light of God's mercy. True spiritual worship is a total and complete giving of ourselves or surrender, physically, spiritually, and emotionally leading to a total transformation: "*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*" (Romans 12:1)

"Worship is treasuring and valuing God above all things. Worship is putting God's worth on display. We have been called to understand God's worth, feel God's worth, and act according to God's worth. True worship is ruined when I am focused on me." (Psalm 115:1-3)

- Here are some verses to help us see the heart of relational worship:
 - Psalm 27:4; Psalm 37:3-7; Psalm 43:4; Psalm 70:4; Psalm 73:25-26

"But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love." (Psalm 147:11)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** *This is the LAST week* that we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb, a missionary couple that is currently living and serving in Cambodia. For more information about them and the work they are currently doing, please see the sign on the back table. There is a container on the back table, beside the offering box, to collect your monetary donations. You can also donate via Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs when you do so!

★**PUMPKIN PATCH:** *LADIES*, we are planning a Ladies Pumpkin Patch Fellowship Outing on Saturday, October 1st, at 2pm. If you are interested in going, please let Courtney Dees know as soon as possible, so that she can arrange carpooling and finalize the plans.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, September 25th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Our monthly day of prayer as a church body will be on Wednesday, September 28th. We ask that you set aside specific time on this day to pray for the leaders and the ministries of our church body.