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SERMON SERIES
FAITH
CHECKING YOUR
WORSHIP
Hebrews 11:4
John 4:23–24 • Psalm 150

1. FAITH WORSHIPS GOD HIS WAY, NOT OUR WAY.

Hebrews 11:4 New Living Translation

4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

Is the way we worship God the way He desires to be worshiped?

You can participate in worship without truly worshipping God.

We sometimes approach worship asking, "Did I like it?" rather than asking, "Did it honor God?"

But worship isn't ultimately about our preferences. It's about God's worthiness.

Worship isn't about giving God what we prefer. It's about giving God what He demands and deserves.

2. FAITH WORSHIPS GOD IN SPIRIT.

John 4:23-24 New Living Translation

[23] But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. [24] For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in *spirit and in truth*."

- ***Worship is a heart response, not just an outward expression.***
- ***Worship should involve our whole being.***
- ***Worship is a response to who God is, not how we feel.***
- ***Worship refuses to let pride get in the way.***

Psalm 150 New Living Translation

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heaven!

2 Praise Him for His mighty works; praise His unequaled greatness!

3 Praise Him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise Him with the lyre and harp!

4 Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing; praise Him with strings and flutes!

5 Praise Him with a clash of cymbals; praise Him with loud clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!

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2 Samuel 6 New Living Translation

14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

16 But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him.

20 When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!"

2 Samuel 6 New Living Translation

[21] David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord."

"[22] Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!"

3. FAITH WORSHIPS GOD IN TRUTH.

Jesus says true worshipers must worship in Spirit AND in Truth.

Worship in Spirit without Truth can become emotional expression without biblical direction.

Worship in Truth without Spirit can become religious activity without a living relationship with God.

<u>God desires both.</u>

Genesis 2 New Living Translation

9 The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden He placed the *tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.* 15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Are you worshiping from the Tree of Life or the Tree of Knowledge?

4. FAITH MAKES WORSHIP A LIFESTYLE, NOT AN EVENT.

Romans 12:1 New Living Translation

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to *worship* Him.

- ***Worship is how we treat our families.***
- ***Worship is how we conduct our businesses.***
- ***Worship is how we handle our finances.***
- ***Worship is how we respond when we're offended.***
- ***Worship is how we serve others.***
- ***Worship is how we obey when obedience is difficult.***

True worship doesn't stop when the music stops.

THE RESTORATION CHURCH WORSHIP CHALLENGE

1. Check your heart.

Am I coming to church to encounter God, or simply to attend a service?

2. Check your expression.

Am I allowing the Spirit of God to move in me, or am I allowing pride, fear, or self-consciousness to hold me back?

3. Check your authority.

Am I living from the Tree of Life, trusting God's Word and His direction, or am I living from the Tree of Knowledge, deciding for myself what is right?

4. Check your surrender.

Am I giving God all of me, or am I only giving Him the parts of my life that are convenient?