



WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO? 4 EMPTY WORSHIP

Matthew 15:1-2 *Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”*

Matthew 15:7-9 *“You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ⁸ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ They worship me in vain ...’”*

HOW DO WE EXPRESS OUR WORSHIP?

THE BIG THOUGHT: HOW YOU WORSHIP IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...YOUR HEART IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

- **GOD DOES NOT CARE ABOUT WORSHIP STYLE...THAT IS PREFERENCE. BUT HE DOES CARE ABOUT HEART, SINCERITY, AND MOTIVE.**

John 4:23-24 The Message (MSG)

²¹⁻²³ “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God’s way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

²³⁻²⁴ ***“It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship.*** God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”

- Sometimes we **BOW** in reverence.

Psalm 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

- Sometimes we **RAISE** our hands in ADORATION.

Psalm 63:4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

- Sometimes we **DANCE** in celebration.

Psalm 149:3 Let them praise his name with dancing ...

- Sometimes we worship with a **SACRIFICE** of praise.

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise ...

THE BIG THOUGHT: Daily, we lay down our **LIVES** as an act of worship.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

1 Chronicles 16:25, 27, 29, 31-32, 34, 36 NLT *Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! ...²⁷ Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. ...²⁹ Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor. ...³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, “The Lord reigns!”³² Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! ...³⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. ...³⁶ Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people shouted “Amen!” and **praised the Lord.***