

Wisdom in Worship

Walking In Wisdom - Week 5 (9-11-24)

John 4:21-24

I. Wisdom Worships

A. Matt. 2:1-12

1. These “wise men” worshiped Jesus.
 - a) It’s wise to worship our Lord!

B. Worship - Regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion. (Webster)

1. Act of abandonment, recognition of value and authority and willingly submitting to it. Recognizing your need for the object of your worship and acting accordingly.
2. John Piper - “The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God...”
 - a) In other words, worship comes as a response to wisdom from God. We worship because something about God has been revealed to us.
 - b) What have you learned that has led you to abandonment for Jesus? That has brought you to surrender?
 - (1) The wise men sacrificed much to meat and worship the King. This was the result of wisdom in studying the heavens.
 - (2) They sacrificed so much to worship a child that could do nothing for them.
 - (a) They were not worshiping Him because He could things for them but solely out of reverence for what wisdom was showing them about Him.
 - i) They undoubtedly did not completely understand this little king or what His purpose was, but they new that He was very significant.
3. Herod sought counsel from the local bible teachers. His response was not to worship.
 - a) We all have this choice! We can either be threatened by Jesus’ authority, or we can submit to it and worship Him.
 - b) He tried to destroy the very thing that wisdom said he should worship.
4. Continuous worship
 - a) I believe God is leading His people to a place where our worship is just ongoing.
 - (1) Revelation 4:8-11 and 7:13-15
 - (2) Perhaps some extra long worship services or revivals that go far beyond their scheduled dates.
 - (a) Perhaps something bigger than that.
 - (b) Luke 10:38-42 - Mary and Martha
 - i) Martha’s problem was not that she did do what Mary did. It was that Martha’s heart was not in a place to do what she was doing as an act of worship.
 - ii) Are the things that you do throughout the day worship toward God?

II. Worship as a means to acquire wisdom

A. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. - Proverbs 9:10

1. We worship God because we “fear” Him.
2. True worship will lead to a life of loving God’s wisdom!
 - a) Failure to love wisdom is a failure to love God.
3. James 1:5-8

B. Eph. 5:15-21

1. Circumspectly = akribos - carefully, accurately, exactly, diligently, perfectly
 - a) Walking this way will require forethought, foresight, intentionality, effort, etc.
 - (1) This is what is required of a life of worship toward God.
2. Verses 18b through 21 is how we walk circumspectly with wisdom.
 - a) It’s not ONLY about being filled with the spirit, we must also be doing verses 19-20.

C. Psalm 22:3 - “...Thou inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

1. Inhabitest = Sit, sit down, remain sitting, dwell, be inhabited, marry
 - a) God’s wisdom accompanies His presence!