

SERIES TITLE: Acceptable Worship

PART 7: INDISPENSABLE

TEXT: 2 CHRONICLES 29:20-30

INTRODUCTION.

When is worship acceptable? The only way we can discover this is to see how Scripture defines it. As David Peterson writes, “We cannot simply determine for ourselves what is honoring to God.” We need a biblical and theological perspective. Of the ways God has revealed himself—creation, Conscience, Christ—he has given us objective truth in the written Word. Through these 7 weeks, we will consider a minute portion of what the Bible declares or demonstrates about worship. This is a crucial subject for every single follower of Jesus. Why? As Erwin Lutzer stated: “If we haven’t learned to be worshippers, it really doesn’t matter how well we do anything else.” May we become the kind of worshippers that God the Father seeks.

DISCUSSION.

How many things can you name that you believe are absolutely essential for every worship service?

EXAMINATION.

- Read vv.1-10 and summarize the situation.
- According to vv.15-17, how many days did it take to prepare the temple for worship?
- Verses 20-24 describe the sacrifices. What stands out to you about that?
- What does it mean that a “sin offering can atone for all Israel”?
- If you read the entire chapter, 3,998 animals were sacrificed that day. How can that be justified?
- Verses 25-28 describe the music portion of the service. Since they followed King David’s procedure for musical worship, how many instrumentalists were there? (See 1 Chronicles 23:5)
- According to vv.27-30, what was going on while everyone worshiped?

APPLICATION.

- On what basis do we say that “cleansing blood” is indispensable to worship still today?
- What sacrifices are Christians called to make today?
- Why should our worship services include celebration?
- What does that celebration look and sound like?
- How do you believe this statement can be lived out? “Worship means you re-pedestalize God?”
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?