

SERIES TITLE: Acceptable Worship

PART 6: THANKFUL

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:28-29

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.

What kinds of events, situations, or thoughts most often prompt you to express gratitude to others?

EXAMINATION.

V.28 What is the reason for us to be thankful?

- Why should that prompt a grateful reaction?
- How is this connected to worship?

V.29 How would you define reverence and awe?

- Can you provide any biblical examples?
- What does it mean that our God is a consuming fire?

APPLICATION.

- How should the fact that you are part of an unshakeable kingdom impact your life?
- What does it look like to worship God with reverence and awe?

- Can you describe any situations where you have put your hope on the wrong kingdom?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?