

In Spirit & In Truth



October 16, 2022

Deuteronomy 6:1–9 | *“Hear!”*

Too often “worship” is viewed as a duty that must be carried out by us. At the same time, it is not very clear just what worship is or why we should do it. By examining Israel’s relationship with YHWH, we will gain a deeper understanding of just what worship is, how to practice it, and why. We are commanded to hear! the foundation of worship.

October 23, 2022

Romans 12:1–2 | *“Living Sacrifice”*

This is an essential connection between offering a sacrifice and the worship of God. Sacrifice is pictured in the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis and culminates in the book of Revelation. As Christians, if Jesus has offered himself as the final and finished sacrifice, then what role does sacrifice play in our worship? Paul offers us an answer that moves away from simply giving a token offering. It is our life God desires.

October 30, 2022

John 4:19–24 | *“In the Spirit”*

God’s original creative purpose for the world is for it to be His temple. As the gospel of Jesus moves out to the nations right to the ends of the earth, no longer is worship limited to a single place. Rather, in the age of the Spirit, God’s presence resides within his people. Therefore, the place of true worship is within the assembly of God’s Spirit-filled people.

November 6, 2022

Hosea 6:4–10 | *“Mercy”*

Worship of God is never separated from our relationships with people. Yet, within our sinfulness, human beings will often attempt to claim a love for God even as we exploit His people and the creation. Hosea reminds us that love for God must be expressed through love of our neighbours. Mercy is the sort of sacrifice God truly desires.

November 13, 2022

1 John 4:7–21 | *“God and People”*

Again, holistic worship involves our treatment of both God and his people. This is especially true within the body of Christ. Our confession of Christ cannot be simply lip service. We are called to live our worship out within the real body of Christ with which God has gifted us.

November 20, 2022

Revelation 5:9–14 | *“Great Things He Has Done”*

Worship is a key part of our witness to Jesus. Because worship is what we are made for, we catch a glimpse of eternity in the book of Revelation. The worship of the one who sits on the throne and of the lamb, is the song that we will sing in the age to come, but we begin singing it now because we know of the great things He has done!