
Your Acceptable Worship

Hebrews 10:19-22

Access to God is God's greatest gift to the believer. Worship to God is the believer's most appropriate response. In fact, the supreme duty of every creature of God for time and eternity is to worship Him (Psalm 95:6-7; 29:2). We were created to worship God and to enjoy Him forever (Psalm 16:8-9).

To worship God means to ascribe to Him honor, adoration and glory. God commands and seeks worship from His people; worship that is based upon truth (John 14:6; 17:17) and not on false gods or mere external ritualism which He detests (Exo. 34:14; 32:7-9; Hosea 6: 4-6; Amos 5:21; Matt.15:7-9). Hebrews 10:22 gives us four guidelines to help us evaluate our worship.

1. *Our worship is acceptable when we worship* _____

Acceptable and pleasing worship to God requires a heart fixed on God. We are to draw near to God with a true (genuine and sincere) heart. A heart that worships in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). True worship is internal; not the external conformity to ceremonies and rituals (Isa. 29:13; 48:1; Jer. 12:1-2). It comes from a heart that truly seeks God (Deut. 4:29; Jer. 29:13). Because God requires fidelity in our worship, we must come to God in sincere faith alone.

2. *Our worship is acceptable when we are* _____

"Drawing near" expresses a deep desire to be in the presence of God. Coming to God is the believers' greatest privilege (Psalm 95:2; 100:21; Heb. 4:16). Access to God is the fruit of our justification (Rom. 5:1-2) and the delight of God's people (Psalm 42:1-2) David sought the intimate presence of God (Psalm 63:1; 16:11; 21:6; 51:11).

Because God desires intimacy in our worship, we must cultivate our devotion to Him.

3. *Our worship is acceptable when our* _____

Worship is a heart issue (the heart must be right). The heart must be sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Titus 3:5; Eph. 5:26). Worship brings transformation (ex. Amos 5:21-24). True worshippers have clean hands and pure hearts (Psalm 24:3-6). They seek to live pure lives (1 John 3:2) and do not depend upon their own external works righteousness (Matthew 23:27).

Because God requires purity of our hearts in our worship, we must seek to live in holiness.

4. *Our worship is acceptable when we* _____

God delights in pure hearts and accepts worship from a humble heart (Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 57:15). There is no room for pride and arrogance in true worship (Luke 18:9-14); only humility (James 4:6). Through the believer's humility, God is glorified (Lev. 10:3).

Because God delights in humility in our worship, we must be always live to glorify Him.

God created us for His pleasure. Worship is not about us. It's about God. It's about pleasing Him. And we please Him when bring Him glory through our attitudes actions, thoughts and words. Let's pray that God will grant us the desire and His grace to grow in our worship of Him.