

The **Heart** of Worship

Part 1 Sermon

Back to the Heart of Worship

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Exodus 19:16-20 and Eph. 5:18-21 (ESV)

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“I believe a very large majority of churchgoers are merely unthinking, slumbering worshipers of an unknown God.” - **Charles H. Spurgeon**

Exodus 19:16-20 (ESV)

¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰ The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

“The people were filled with awe and wonder and trembling and hope and fear, because there in the middle of nowhere, before this bunch of ex-slaves, was God.” - **Ortberg & Howell-Leadership**

Worship – A Definition

Genuine worship is responding in love with all that I am

- mind, emotions, will, and body - to all that God is and says and does.

Ephesians 5:18-21 (ESV)

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

John 4:24 (ESV)

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1. What are some Truths at the Heart of Worship?

- The Issue is NOT New verses Old.**
- Our Identity in Christ, not our Common Tastes, Unites us.**

Our Worship is Corporate.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV)

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Love Means Sacrifice.

1 John 3:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Romans 15:5-7 (ESV)

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Each Church is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.

2. What Type of Worshiper are You?

Scarecrow Worshiper “If I only had a Brain?”

Romans 10:2 (ESV)

² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

Tin Man Worshiper “If I only had a Heart?”

Matthew 15:8 (ESV)

⁸ “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

“If we haven't learned to be worshipers, it doesn't really matter how well we do anything else.”

- **Erwin Lutzer**