

Message: If Only One Thing, Part Two

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

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"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't.

Last Week:

1. Why do we come to worship and how do we determine if our worship is a good experience?

2. Who should the target audience be during a worship service?

3. Is it appropriate to have performers in a worship service?

4. What are the experiences a Christian should have during a time of worship?

1. WOW - True worshippers experience a pondering of their Savior (adoration). Isaiah 6:1-4

1.1 True worshippers see God's prominence. vs. 1

Isaiah 6:1

1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

This Week:

1.2 True worshippers see God's perfection. vs. 2

Isaiah 6:2

2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

1.3 True worshippers see God's praiseworthiness. vs. 3

Isaiah 6:3

3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

1.4 True worshippers see God's power. vs 4

Isaiah 6:4

4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

C.S. Lewis - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

"Is he - quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will desire and make no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver. "If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking they're either braver than most of just plain silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver; "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about being safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

2. SORRY - True worshippers experience a prostrating of self (confession). Isaiah 6:5

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5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

3. YEA - True worshippers experience a purging of sin (restoration). Isaiah 6:6-7

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⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

⁷ He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven."

4. O.K. - True worshippers experience a professing of submission (submission).

Isaiah 6:8

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⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Ecclesiastes 5:2

² Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

Habakkuk 2:20

²⁰ "But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."