



“True Worship”

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Malachi 1:6-14 (ESV)

THE ESSENCE OF TRUE WORSHIP

1. True worship expresses the _____ rather than the vanity of self.

- This is worship that sustains the worth and beauty of God from a heart that treasures God above all else.

THE SOURCE OF EMPTY WORSHIP

1. The failure to see the _____ for me (1:2-5).

- When I fail to see the greatness of God’s sovereign, unconditional, unchanging, and free love for me, my view of God diminishes and it shows up in empty worship.

2. The failure to see the _____ of God (vv. 6, 11, 14).

- When I have a chummy and casual attitude towards the great and majestic Father and treat him as if he were my equal, my view of God diminishes and it shows up in empty worship.

The Result of a Diminished View of God (v. 13):

_____ God and valuing the world.

THE ESSENCE OF EMPTY WORSHIP

Empty _____ — that is, religious activity that doesn’t express the worth of God (v. 10; also see 2 Samuel 24:24). My acts of worship reflect my view of God; therefore, when I devalue God, it shows up in my worship of Him.



2. True worship inspires a genuine _____

- This is a genuine spiritual feeling for the worth of God that is neither artificially manufactured nor carelessly hindered.
- This is worship that really comes from a feeling of the greatness of God and that seeks humbly to express and inspire that same intensity for God without the distractions of artificiality or inattention or inappropriateness (e.g., cool professionalism, warm emotionalism, laid back spirituality, etc.)

CENTRAL TRUTH

True worship expresses the greatness of God and inspires a God-centered passion.

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