

For God Alone
10. Acceptable Worship

1. The Essence of Worship

A. Think about these things

Phil 4:8

B. The only valid object of worship

C. Worship in Spirit and Truth

D. Glorifying God

2. Preparing to Worship

A. Worship doesn't just happen

Heb 10:22

B. Sincerity

C. Fidelity

D. Humility

E. Purity

John 13

1 John 1:9

3. Overcoming Barriers
 - A. Worship of repentance

2 Sam 12:20

- B. Worship of submission

Job 1:20-21

- C. Worship of devotion

Gen 22:3-5

Heb 11:17-19

4. Results of True Worship
 - A. God is glorified

Lev 10:3

- B. Believers are purified

Ps 24:4

- C. The church is edified

Ex 33:11

- D. The lost are evangelized

John 4

Glorious God

It is the flame of my life to worship thee,
the crown and glory of my soul to adore thee,
heavenly pleasure to approach thee.
Give me power by thy Spirit
to help me worship now, that I may forget the world,
be brought into fullness of life,
be refreshed, comforted, blessed.
Give me knowledge of thy goodness
that I might not be over-awed by thy greatness;
Give me Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God,
that I might not be terrified,
but be drawn near with filial love,
with holy boldness;
He is my Mediator, Brother, Interpreter,
Branch, Daysman, Lamb;
him I glorify,
in him I am set on high.

Crowns to give I have none,
but what thou hast given I return,
content to feel that everything is mine
when it is thine,
and the more fully mine when I have yielded it to thee.
Let me live wholly to my Savior,
free from distractions,
from carking care,
from hindrances to the pursuit
of the narrow way.
I am pardoned
through the blood of Jesus —
give me a new sense of it,
continue to pardon me by it,
may I come every day to the fountain,
and every day be washed anew,
that I may worship thee always
in spirit and truth.

~ *The Valley of Vision*

Notes:

Daysman: a judge or arbitrator

Carking: annoying; carking care refers to worrying about annoyances