

c. Genesis 12:6-8

Fellowship and worship go hand in hand. It is unthinkable that one may say he has fellowship with God and not be a practical worshipper.

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2. Illustrations from the Law....

- a. The Great Commandment: Deuteronomy 6:5
- b. The Burnt Offering: Leviticus 1

From these we quickly see that worship is the first response of a thankful heart. It is what the law requires first. Love and praise become the most important areas of the Old Testament community.

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3. Illustrations from the prophetic literature...

- a. Isaiah 1...the people who forget their God find that all their other activities are useless
- b. Hosea 14...the formula for revival is in a repentant attitude of life and in a fresh worship of the Lord who is the head of the nation.

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4. Illustrations from the Psalms...

- a. Psalm 24
- b. Psalm 150

In the first of these the emphasis is on the reality of a pure life in connection with the worship of the Lord. In the second the thrust is for a full participation by all parties and all honorable means in such worship.

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5. Illustrations in the New Testament...

- a. General note on the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.. with special thrust on His prayers and such areas as John 12 (the voice from heaven).
- b. 1 Peter 2...the privilege and response of "living stones."

6. Observation: Just noticing these illustrative passages it becomes apparent that worship, the heart adoring and praising God, is basic to the very essence of a believer's life. It is governed in expression and means (method) by the truths of God's character as given in the Word. But it is the fullest means of exercise for the soul and the one aspect that is called for and seen in every part of the Word of God. By it we are brought into the reality of the Lord's Person and the centrality of His Will.