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**Worship- in Obedience**

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**Intro-** Daniel 3**-** Hannaniah, Mishael and Azariah won't bow to a statue/idol, only to God.

Daniel 3:28 ….yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

## I. What is Worship? Definitions and Terms

OT- bow down/serve NT- prostrate, kiss the hand/serve

New Bible Dictionary: … the essential concept in Scripture is 'service'… originally signified the labor of slaves or hired servants. And in order to offer this 'worship' to God his servants must prostrate themselves- …and thus manifest reverential fear and adoring awe and wonder.

*To worship God is to offer our lives to him through obedience to His commands.

## II. Worship as Sacrifice-

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*We cannot, by definition have a life characterized by worship if our heart isn't set on obeying God in all areas of life.*

Malachi 1:6-14 My name will be great among the nations…

## III. Worship as Discipleship

John 4:23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Luke 14: 25-27, 33 … 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ….33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 34:13-14 tear down their altars….

**IV. First Acts of Worship**

A. Believe the Gospel- Romans 1:5

B. Baptism-

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 2:27-28, Acts 8:34-38, Acts 9:17-18, Acts 10:47-48

Two ordinances-
*Baptism should immediately or shortly follow conversion and faith.
*The Lord's Supper should follow baptism.

**V. We Worship What We Fear and What We Love-**

Matt 26:6-13 … a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head ….They were indignant, "Why this waste? ….. wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

**VI. Why Now?**

It's impossible to be worshippers Sunday morning if we aren't worshippers all week.

Romans 15:6 together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Corporate worship is a decision to raise our voices together to honor God.*

**Am I a worshiper?**

1. On a 1-10 scale, if worship is defined as obedience to God, to what degree is my life one of worship?

2. When I think of worshipping God through submission to His commands I feel-

*Guilt Burden Joy Relief Other:*

3. The area of my life in which I am most obedient and worshipful-

4. The area of my life in which I am most disobedient/least worshipful-

5. If love and devotion indicate who/what I worship, where is my heart and who/what do I worship?

6. What can Lion & Lamb Church do to encourage greater worship and obedience?

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*"Worship doesn't satisfy our hunger for God- it whets our appetite."* Eugene Peterson