

"This is the sign that the LORD has spoken: 'Behold, the altar shall be torn down, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.'" **1Kings 13:3**

Store In My Heart

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

John begins his gospel with the revelation that Jesus, the Son, was present in the beginning. Just as important as the statement of creation in Genesis is this statement showing that Jesus, the Word, was present and active in creation. Jesus, our Savior, played a part in bringing this world into existence. His Deity, Godhood, is verified by these words.

John's gospel encourages belief in Jesus and His being present in creation adds power to this claim. It tells us the same Word that created the World has provided for us a way of eternal salvation.



Does God Care How We Worship?

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Times they are changing, is certainly a true statement regarding worship. Among those claiming to be God's people many changes are being incorporated into the worship assemblies. Such things as contemporary church music, drama, females in leadership, observing religious holidays, services dedicating babies and even pets, various ideas in observing the Lord's Supper, children's worship, preaching style, and worship environments are becoming common place.

God has spoken regarding acceptable worship, and where He has spoken, we must conform, and give heed to what He has said. The N. T. begins and ends with worship.

Matthew 4:10 *Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."*

Revelation 22:9 *"You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."*

Worshipping God is a serious matter which should not be taken lightly! It should be given our highest priority, and should be a significant part of the Christian's life. Worship should never become a cliché.

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We want opportunities to speak with others about the Lord's Kingdom.

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For Our Information

Adene Gray is still weak but doing better.

Dottie Henderson received a good report from her kidney doctor last week. Her kidney function is up and her heart is working at 20%.

Marsha Clayton, the Henderson's neighbor is back home from rehab.

Tonight we start in 2Kings 1.

Wednesday we are in 2Timothy 4:6.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

It should be obvious that God cares how we worship Him.

John 4:24 *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

Matthew 15:8-9 *“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”*

But there are many today who think it does not matter how we worship God as long as we are sincere. In keeping with this mindset, if people want jazz, country, hip-hop, or another style of music in worship services, that is all right. If they want solos, quartets, or choirs, that is alright too. If they want mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church, or even, a group that mimics instruments in the worship, they think that is okay also. If they desire a drama presentation instead of a sermon, they have it. But and this is very important, worship is not entertainment! It is not designed to please people; it is designed to please God!

Psalms 89:7 *"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him."*

Think on these things.

(Our studies in the O.T. have given many examples of God's displeasure regarding the worship ideas of men. When the Israelites followed after the practices of the nations they were supposed to destroy, God punished them severely. When Jeroboam instructed the Northern Kingdom to worship at his new altars in Bethel and Dan, God sent a prophet to tell him his false worship practices would cost him his life and kingdom. When kings of the Northern and Southern kingdoms worshipped at high places and groves, God brought famine, drought, and destroying armies. Both kingdoms were sent into captivity, the North never to return, because of their false worship practices. They failed to follow the simple instructions God had delivered through Moses on the Mount. Instead they put their trust in men and human devotions and God punished them. He will do the same today. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!