

Heritage Alliance Church March 10, 2024 Pastor Shawn Part 14 Our Response: A Life of Worship

Worship is not <u>JUST MUSIC OR SINGING</u>. Worship is not <u>FOR YOUR BENEFIT</u>. Worship is a <u>LIFESTYLE</u>.

## What is proper worship? To give glory to God for who He is

### Important Worship Characteristics – In spirit & truth

"...the time is coming...—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way." John 4:23

#### Romans 11:36-12:1-2

"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is **intended for his glory**...

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. "This is truly **the way to worship him**. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

## Living a Life of Worship

#### ⇒ ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S CHARACTER & GIVE HIM THANKS

....they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks." Romans 1:21

#### ⇒ RECOGNIZE YOUR ORIGINS & PURPOSE

"..everything comes from him; everything exists by his power and is intended for his glory."

Romans 11:36

# **⇒** DEDICATE / SURRENDER YOUR LIFE

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Romans 12:1

#### ⇒ ELIMINATE SELF FOCUSED WORSHIP

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." Romans 12:2

"You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price." 1 Corinthians 6:20

## ⇒ EVALUATE YOURSELF & COMMIT TO YOUR ROLE IN COMMUNITY

"Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

Romans 12:3-5

You have a VITAL ROLE to play in God's plan

"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

Romans 12:9-10