

worship
together



Purpose | to glorify God



Vision

to change the heart and soul of
Northwest Arkansas and the world



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To become a disciple of Jesus
means we must learn how to
worship Him.



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In the process of being worshipped,
God communicates His presence to men.

C.S. LEWIS | *Reflections on the Psalms*



Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East

- Sacrifice was seen as a world religion
- The Old Testament speaks of sacrifices and proper worship of God
- God gives a prescription for proper worship but the Israelites failed over and over again



Leviticus 4:35 CSB

“He is to remove all its fat just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the fellowship sacrifice. The priest will burn it on the altar along with the food offerings to the LORD. In this way the priest will make atonement on his behalf for the sin he has committed, and he will be forgiven.”



Sacrifice in the Bible

- God prescribes sacrifices as a temporal covering of sins
- God prescribes these because He is Holy
- His ultimate desire was not just obedience, but for the people of God to sacrifice with a pure heart



Hosea 6:6 CSB

“For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”



Isaiah 1:11 CSB

“What are all your sacrifices to me?”
asks the LORD.

“I have had enough of burnt offerings and rams
and the fat of well-fed cattle;
I have no desire for the blood of bulls,
lambs, or male goats.”



Micah 6:6-8 CSB

“What should I bring before the LORD when I come to bow before God on high? Should I come before him with burnt offerings, with year-old calves? ⁷ Would the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams or with ten thousand streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my transgression, the offspring of my body for my own sin? ⁸ Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.”



Psalm 51:16-17 CSB

You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it;
you are not pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit.
You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.



God looks at our hearts when we
worship Him.



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Mercy

- Oiktirmos (mercies)
- Plural
- Referring to the mercies from Romans 1-11



Romans 1-11

- I. The Heart of the Gospel
- II. The Assurance of the Gospel
- III. The Defense of the Gospel
- IV. The Transforming Power of the Gospel



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True
logikos

- “Informed”
- Acts as an adjective in this sentence
- We are called to practice “informed worship”



**Because we are human,
we are wired to worship.**



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The Old Regime

Adam

Sin

Death

Law

Flesh

The New Regime

Christ

Righteousness; Obedience

Life

Grace

Spirit



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Worship is about the way we live.



Our corporate and personal worship
must be informed worship.



Informed worship renews our mind.



Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



Genuine worship of God always
happens in the wake of His grace.

