

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 14:1-6

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FREE TO WORSHIP – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Introduction:

*Notice, the freedom and confidence that Jesus display’s
by accepting the invitation to eat at a Pharisees house.*

eating at the same table
in the culture of the middle east is not like it is here.

Verse 1a

This “*Now it **happened**...*”

this was no accident or incident, this was event. planned and orchestrated by those who were resisting the message and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Verse 1b

unfortunately, there's a cloud hanging over the meal.
it was "*on the **Sabbath**, and they **watched Him closely***"

Verse 2a

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Verse 3-6

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Verse 3-6

and **let him go**

He was Free to Worship

What worship is not. / What worship is. / What worship becomes.
in the life of the believer,
there are four epochs of time regarding worship.

the 1st

Was during the Old Testament Period.

the 2nd

Is now, during the New Testament Period

The 3rd

Will be During the Millennium Period

Isaiah 2:2-3

Now it shall come to pass in the last days *That* the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. :3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

and the 4th Will be in Eternity Itself

worship is the "stand-alone" life and ministry of the believer.
and it we will be the Worshipping of Him forever and ever!

it won't be preaching, evangelism, or teaching,
it won't be feeding the homeless or marriage counseling...

IT WILL BE WORSHIP – FOREVER!

FREE TO WORSHIP

1.) What worship is not

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on the surface, the issue is "obeying the Sabbath"
that no work was to be done on that day – but why?

because you were to be at rest – but why?

because you were to gather with others like your family – but why?

because you were to “unplug” from this world and focus on the Lord – but why?

if you know the traditional answers to this question,

then there is a high probability that you tend towards legalism and rules

if you know the biblical answers to these questions,

then there’s a high probability that you understand what “the spirit of the law” is.

I am going to be doing a lot of correlation and illustration using our earthly relationships to get the point across this morning.

by far you will hear a lot about “typology” and “examples” relating to marriage.

WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

I.) **Worship is not dependant upon feelings**

we often make the mistake in thinking that worship is a feeling. it is not a feeling nor is it dependant upon feelings.

do our feelings eventually kick in – yeah, they can, not always.

2 Chronicles 5:13

for indeed it came to pass, **when** the trumpeters and singers *were as one*, to make **one sound** to be heard in **praising** and **thanking** the LORD, and **when they lifted their voice** with the **trumpets** and **cymbals** and all the **instruments** of music, and **praised** the LORD, *saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,”* that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

worship doesn’t exclude feelings, it’s just independent of feelings.

“feelings” and “emotions” are inseparable

What’s the opposite of being controlled by feelings?

it's the "acting upon" what you know.

we're a "feeling" and "emotion" based culture

which is why so many people's lives are so messed up.

and is also why worship is so abused and/or neglected in our churches today.

it's about "what I feel like" or "My feelings tell me..."

WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

II.) **Worship is not intended to be limited**

**Let's first set the record straight,
worship must be limited to God alone**

Exodus 20:3

"You shall have no other gods before Me.

has the Lord **limited** our **salvation**? – no / Lord **limited** our **hope**? - no
Lord **limited** our **joy**? – no / Lord **limited** our **peace**? - no

We Impose Limitations Upon Ourselves

we limit our experience with **salvation**. our **hope**, our **joy**, our **peace**
because we focus on doubt or fear or evil or worry...

worship should never be distracting,
offensive, rude or at the expense of others.

if you want to **kneel**, you should kneel.

if you want to **stand**, you should stand.

if you want to **bow**, you should bow.

if you want to **raise your hands**, you should raise your hands.

for our hyper Pentecostal friends – we love you but
you are not, I repeat, you are not allowed to run, bark or roar here at church.

1 Corinthians 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace,
as is in all the churches of the saints.

but it should not be limited either.

2 Samuel 6:14-15

Then David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. :15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

I.) Worship is not dependent upon feelings

II.) Worship is not intended to be limited

WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

III.) Worship is not to be contrived

rather, it's to be a real, genuine living reality.
true worship can be **anticipated** or **spontaneous** but never **manipulated**.

Exodus 4:31

So when the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.

it's the hearing, seeing, sensing, knowing, discovering of God that birth's a deeper worship experience.

Deuteronomy 16:11

You shall rejoice before the LORD your God,
you and your son and your daughter...

2 Chronicles 20:18

And King Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.

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WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

IV.) Worship is not to be neglected

Luke 17:15-17

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, :**16** and fell on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. :**17** So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? – *maybe their late?*”

Hebrews 10:25

not forsaking the **assembling** of us together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Psalm 77:13

Your way, O God, *is in the sanctuary*; Who *is* so great a God as *our* God?

Psalm 84:4

Blessed *is those* who dwell in Your house. They will still be praising You.

WHAT WORSHIP IS NOT

V.) Worship is not to be entertainment

Psalm 115:1

Not “unto” us, O LORD, not “unto” us, but “to” Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

I have spoken at conferences and churches

where the hosting ministry hired studio musicians to play in the worship ministry.

Leviticus 2:13

And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt. – *salt killed what was not to be there.*

it's not to be a showplace nor is to be a showcase
showplace being a concert / show-case being your personal audition

Leviticus 9:23-10:3

And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people :**24** and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw *it*, they shouted and fell on their faces. **10:1** Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. :**2** So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. :**3** And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' "So Aaron held his peace.

1.) What worship is not

I.) ...it's not to be dependant upon feelings

II.) ...it's not intended to be limited

III.) ...it's not to be contrived

IV.) ...it's not to be neglected

V.) ...it's not to be entertainment

FREE TO WORSHIP

2.) What worship is

I.) Worship is an act of the will

Psalm 132:7

Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Psalm 34:1-4

I will always bless the LORD; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. :2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad. :3 Oh, magnify the LORD **with me**, and **let us** exalt His name **together**. :4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 27:4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

I.) Worship is an act of the will

II.) Worship is a result of education

Psalm 126:1-3

When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. :2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." :3 The LORD has done great things for us, *and* we are glad.

Psalm 136:1-26

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, **for He is good!** For His mercy *endures* forever. :2 Oh, give thanks **to the God of gods!** For His mercy *endures* forever. :3 Oh, give thanks **to the Lord of lords!** For His mercy *endures* forever: :4 To Him who **alone does great wonders**, For His mercy *endures* forever..... x 26

III.) Worship is an indicator of intimacy

Luke 6:12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

worship is to be omnipresent in our lives

I.) Worship is an act of the will

II.) Worship is a result of education

III.) Worship is an indicator of intimacy

IV.) Worship is an expense

it's to **cost us** as we gather.

(The price of gas and those who drive here)

2 Samuel 24:24

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Psalm 26:8

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm 24:3-4

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? :4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

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IV.) Worship is an expense

V.) Worship is a forever action

“Just as we in this life inhale and exhale to live, so, it is with the spiritual life. We inhale the grace of God, and what we exhale is the worship of our God.

how can you tell if a human is still alive?
(he's breathing, he's got a pulse)

how can you tell if someone has been born again,
given new life? (he's worshipping, he's alive)

**Worship Begins with a Response.
It Develops by Obedience
It Arrives as We Approach
Worship Becomes our Destination.**

Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Isaiah 55:12

“For you shall go out with joy And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

End of Study
