

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 14:1-6

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## FREE TO WORSHIP – PART 2

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

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### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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This is American Idol....

#### Luke 14:1-6

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. :2 And behold, there was a **certain** man before Him who had dropsy. :3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" :4 But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and **let him go**. :5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" :6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

**:4... And He took *him* and healed him, and **let him go** !!!**

**The Man was free to worship the Lord  
for all that had been done for Him.**

Contrary to the Argument that You're an Evolved Accident,  
The Fact is, You're a Created Being and...

"Our chief purpose for living is to know God and worship Him.  
this is mankind's true reason for living. - to experience God."

### 1.) What worship is not

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

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

**III.) Worship is not to be contrived**

**IV.) Worship is not to be neglected**

**V.) Worship is not to be entertainment**

**2.) What worship is**

**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**

**V.) Worship is a forever action**

## **WHAT WORSHIP BECOMES**

**3.) What worship becomes**

**I.) Worship becomes a personal expression**

**Psalm 119:108**

Accept, I pray, the **freewill offerings** of my mouth, O LORD,

# An Expressive, Overflow of the Heart and Soul of Who I am.

## Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. :2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. :3 He put a new song in my mouth,

## **we are to learn and know these songs that we sing.**

why? – because they are a complete waste of time if we do not mean every word of what we sing to Him.

## John 4:20-24

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” :21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. :22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. :23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

*my worship is not pleasing to God unless my offering is wholly devoted to God. I cannot be wholly devoted to God unless I have been cleansed of all that displeases God.*

## Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my **whole heart**; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. :2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

“We can’t worship these days because we do not have a high enough opinion of God. God has been reduced, discounted, modified, edited and amended until he is not the God that Isaiah saw high and lifted up, but something much less.”

## **WHAT WORSHIP BECOMES**

### **II.) Worship becomes a public announcement**

**Exodus 15:1**

Then **Moses and the children of Israel** sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously!

**2 Chronicles 29:28-29**

So **all the assembly** worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished. :29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped.

**Ezra 3:11**

And **they sang responsively**, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: (group 1) "For He is good, (group 2) and His mercy endures forever."

there is no such thing as a part-time worshipper.  
we either worship God by the moment or we don't worship Him  
at all.

It's not a Sunday thing or a Wednesday thing – it's an  
Everything !!!

**WHAT WORSHIP BECOMES**

**III.) Worship becomes a spiritual power**

***the act of worship  
causes us to become more at one with the Lord.***

"the sacrifice of praise" as a vehicle to "journey" us **up** the steps of the temple,  
and **through** the outer courts and then **into** His presence.  
and there, there is power !"

Worship is "a Spiritual Propellent" that Carries us into His throne room.  
as the smoke and smell of a burnt offering ascended upward to the Lord,  
so does our worship.

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have you ever “felt” distant from the Lord?  
worship is the bridge builder, the road back into His awareness.

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## There’s Great Power in Worship.

depression, discouragement, fear, weakness, are replaced.

### When We Worship, We’re To Prime Our Hearts by...

- #1 – deciding to **focus** on His personality, The way He is.
- #2 – deciding to **remember** those things that He has done in our lives.
- #3 – deciding to **choose** to believe and receive His promises from the Bible.
- #4 – deciding to **determine** to become a full-time worshipper

*Adam felt alone but the Lord was there !*  
*Abraham felt alone but the Lord was there !*  
*Elijah felt alone but the Lord was there !*  
*Jeremiah felt alone but the Lord was there !*  
*Peter, Paul and Mary felt alone but the Lord was there !*

## WHAT WORSHIP BECOMES

### IV.) Worship becomes an individual discipline

#### **even a husband and wife**

must discipline themselves to care for, love on and to serve their spouse.  
regardless of feelings, there are times when it can become a duty.

### That Doesn’t Mean You’ve Stopped Loving Them...

when there are no E-motions - you’re to still go through the motions...

eventually, your heart will kick in -  
church, marriage, worship, sex...

A.W. Tozer States;

“If worship bores you, then you’re simply not ready for heaven.  
for every glimpse of heaven reveals a world of worship from redeemed man to cherubim

### Psalm 116:1-5

I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice *and* my supplications. :2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live. :3 The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. :4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!” :5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God *is* merciful.

### 2 Samuel 22:7

In my **distress** (*rDx* a tight, crushing place, a place of anguish), I called upon the LORD,  
And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple,  
And my cry *entered* His ears.

## There are disciplines that we employ.

Like Standing, Dimming the Lights, Words on the Screen.  
Having the church stand during worship causes you to focus on Him.

## Listen Carefully to What I am About to Say.

“Worship can only take place in a sanctuary – always and exclusively”  
(let me explain)

*the physical sanctuary is what we’re sitting in right now.  
its purpose is to house a holy **convocation** of worshippers.*

*the other sanctuary is physical also - it’s our humanity. our being.  
we’re a house of holy **conversations** of the worshipper.*

### The Conclusion is This:

“Acceptable Worship can only take place in the “human” sanctuary of our hearts and minds, if it doesn’t, there can be no worshipping happening at all - in any sanctuary !

## Our Thoughts Need to Pure within the Sanctuary.

### 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? :17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

**1 Corinthians 6:19**

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

**2 Corinthians 6:16**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: *“I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”*

**1 Peter 2:5**

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**John 4:23-24**

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**WHAT WORSHIP BECOMES**

**V.) Worship becomes a corporate necessity**

**Psalm 34:3**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

**Worship of Him**

the meditating, focusing, adoring, respecting, honoring, of Him generates a response !

as Christians, this world no longer holds sway over us. because of our new natures, we long to be with Him.

**Meeting and Talking and Telling others about what God is doing in your life is essential**

**Genesis 35:3**

Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone.”

**Psalm 122:1**

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

we love being together, around the things of God,  
talking about God.

**Malachi 3:16**

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.

**HEAVEN IS A PLACE WHERE  
WORSHIP IS AS COMMON AS THE AIR WE BREATHE.**

*Heaven is a "Corporate or Collective" gathering of Worshipers.*

**Finally, Worship is what you Give to Him.**

"our time, our money, our house, our family, our church, our efforts,  
our work, our play, our vacation, our cars, our boats, our planes, our investments.... it's  
all for Him and from Him and unto Him.

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