

Review Questions

1. When we care most about pleasing ourselves, is this an example of “pleasing men” or “pleasing God”?
2. If you are a true servant of Jesus who will you care most about pleasing?
3. How is the burnt offering a picture of Jesus?
4. How is the sin offering a picture of Jesus?
5. It is impossible to please God without _____.
6. It is impossible to have saving faith without being born again by the power of the _____.
7. Is God pleased when we approach him in a proper way but without faith & thanksgiving?
8. How is Hannah in the OT a good example of faith filled worship?
9. What are some ways we deliberately offer Jesus back to God in our public worship services?
10. How can we worship God daily in a similar way?

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#35 in Series] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 5, Is God Pleased with Your Worship?* – Numbers 28-29

Sermon Outline – February 21, 2016

Children’s Sermon: What Matters Most to You?

Do you want Mom & Dad to be pleased with you?

Do you want this enough to obey them?

Pleasing God Matters Most to True Christians:

Galatians 1:9–10

⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For *am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

Key Idea

Acceptable Worship (i.e. Worship that pleases God):
Jesus for us & Jesus in us.

Notes:

John 4:23–24

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father *in spirit and truth*, for *the Father is seeking such people to worship him*. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship *in spirit and truth*.”

Are We About Pleasing God? How?

Ephesians 5:8–10

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and *try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:9–10

...*we make it our aim to please him.* ¹⁰ For *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ*, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Numbers 28-29: Pictures of God's Pleasure

28 The Lord spoke to Moses, ²“Command the Israelites and say to them: Be sure to **present to Me at its appointed time My offering and My food as My fire offering, a pleasing aroma to Me.**

- **God's Offerings:** (Jesus for/in us)
 - Implicitly: God has provided abundantly!
 - **Burnt Offerings** (Lamb)
 - Fine Flour (Mixed w/ Oil) & Wine
 - **Sin Offering** (Goat)
 - God's People (Holy Convocations)
- **God's Time**

Offering Jesus Back to God

Key Question

How do we offer Jesus back to God?
Do you find yourself continually preoccupied with what Jesus has done for you?

With the Holy Spirit (How - By what means)

John 3:3-5 (Nicodemus)

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” ... ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit** (Cf. Ezek. 36:25-27), **he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

John 4:23

... **true worshipers** will worship the Father

in spirit – (God's power)
and
truth – (God's message)

John 3:34

³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters **the words of God**, for **he gives the Spirit** without measure.

Form Without Faith is Folly (How - In what manner)

Hebrews 11:1-6 (HCSB)

¹ Now **faith is** the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. ² For our ancestors won God's approval by it. ... ⁴ **By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man**, because God approved his gifts... ⁶ Now **without faith it is impossible to please God**, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.

Psalm 50:13-15 (e.g. Hannah/Samuel)

¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving**, and **perform your vows to the Most High**, ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble; **I will deliver you**, and **you shall glorify me.**”

With Jesus Saturated Formal & Informal Worship

Key Question

Israel exercised their faith by bringing their offerings to God with trusting, thankful hearts.
How do we exercise our faith?

Gospel-Centered Formal Worship Replaces the Burnt Offering

Hebrews 9:8-10

⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, **gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper**, ¹⁰ but deal only with **food and drink** and various washings, **regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.**

Public Formal Worship (Confession, Substitution, Peace)

- ✓ Prayer of Confession
- ✓ The Communion Table

Private Formal Worship (Confession, Substitution, Peace)

Informal Worship