

“God’s Worship Style”
Deuteronomy 12: 1 - 7
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Loving God Coventally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Enjoy God’s Covenant Ensures God’s Fellowship With His People; But Only As He Prescribes, (vs. 12: 1- 7)

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Message Emphasis: Many today have an improper view of worship. Usually worship hinges upon the “Style” that makes the worshiper happy or appeals to the worshiper’s preferences. We must see that proper worship is fellowship with God and this “Style” of worship is only possible as we fellowship with God but ONLY as He has told us we should.

1) God Has Told Us How We Are To Worship, (vs. 4 - 5)

Sincerity, emotion & experience do not qualify... ONLY holiness does

You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way. ..

Not the temporal, earthly way but in holiness – so are you holy?

- The holiness of the place matters

You cannot worship in the place YOU choose – is where you are blessed by God?

But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose NOT “...on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.” (vs. 2)

- The holiness of the object worshiped matters

You cannot worship in the mode YOU choose – is what you do exalt God?

out of all your tribes NOT “You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods...” (vs. 3a)

Sacrifice

memorials

fleshly lusts

idols

- The holiness of the name matters

You cannot worship in the name YOU choose – is what you do honor God?

to put his name and make his habitation there. ... destroy their name out of that place.” (vs. 3b)

“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”” (John 4:20-26, ESV)

2) God Has Told Us Where & What He Will Accept As Our Worship, (vs. 6)

There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices,

- **your tithes and the contribution that you present,**
- **your vow offerings,**
- **your freewill offerings,**
- **and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.**

3) God Has Told Us How We Are Changed By His “Style” Of Worship, (vs. 7)

And there you shall eat before the LORD your God,

- **and you shall rejoice, you and your households,**
- **in all that you undertake,**
- **in which the LORD your God has blessed you.**

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you worship God as He has said you should.

9. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Embracing Your God As The Entirety Of Your Life, (vs. 8 - 14)
10. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus In Worship; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 - 19)
11. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)

13. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)