



Series: Topical

Passage: Psalm 145

Title: The Heart of Worship (Part 1)

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Discussion Starter – What are some of the key insights you have gained from this sermon as to what it truly means to have a heart of worship towards God?

- 1) How does a passionate relationship differ from a casual friendship? Describe specific behaviors that would characterize each type of relationship.
- 2) **Read Revelation 3:14-22.** What is the general problem with the Church of Laodicea? Why do you think Jesus prefers a hot or cold relationship above lukewarm? How do we know if we are hot or cold?
- 3) What is the definition of Worship given in the message? How is worship initiated?
- 4) **Read Psalm 145:1-3.** What do you learn about David's reasons for his first four "I will" statements in these verses?
- 5) **Read Psalm 145:4-9.** What is the significance in the declaring statements contained in these verses as compared to the blessing and praising statements in the first three verses? What attributes are described about the God in verses 8-9? What does this show us about a true heart of worship?
- 6) **Read Psalm 145:10-21.** Now all of God's works are praising Him. What are His saints supposed to do, and for what purpose do we see God using those who have a heart of worship towards Him?
 - a) Describe your response to Psalm 145 as you meditate on what God is revealing to your own heart of worship.
- 7) **Read John 14:21.** Why is a heart of worship important in how we learn His commandments? How does looking at the commandments in the bible as a set of rules to follow, impact our heart of worship to LORD? How should we look at His commandments?
 - b) What does it mean to you to bow down before God? Why do you think this posture is important to God?
- 8) Describe what it looks like to offer our resources as an act of worship to God? What is He looking for?
 - c) Is it possible to offer our time and talents to God without offering worship? Describe.
- 9) Why is music so powerful to people? How is this expression of worship different from all other forms of worship?
 - d) How do you view your own personal worship of God through singing praises to His Name?
- 10) Each of these four activities of worship requires us to actively participate with our whole heart. Why do you think God designed worship to be in this manner?
 - e) As you reflect on this week's sermon message and the four activities that we participate in true biblical worship, are there any areas you sense God is calling to step out and grow as it pertains to your heart of worship to Him?