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The Call to Worship

Moses & Worship

- Moses is called to worship (vs. 5)
- Moses' primary assignment was to take the Hebrews to a place of worship (vss. 12, 18)

Worship is your primary purpose

- Deuteronomy 26:10
- I Chronicles 16:29
- Psalm 95 & 96
- Matthew 4:10
- John 4:23
- Revelation 14:7

What is Worship?

- Worship is not simply coming to church
- Derives from the Old English *worthship*
- Hebrew word *Shachah* = to lower one's self in the recognition of royalty
- Greek word *proskuneo* = to kiss as a dog licks his master's hand

Worship is seeking a place of intimacy and humility with God brought on by a recognition of the majesty and worthiness of God in your life

Dynamics of Worship

REVERENCE

God demands that Moses take his shoes off

- God and the things of God must be treated with Holy fear and respect not casually or ordinarily for God is HOLY
- 650 references to HOLY in the Bible
- Worship is the corollary of Emmanuel
- Exodus 33:18-23
- Numbers 12
- I Samuel 5
- II Samuel 6:6-9

Dynamics of Worship

RITUALS

God mediates His presence through consecrated & sacred vessels, voices, & ceremonies e.g. Ark of the Covenant, Priests, Tabernacle/Sanctuary/Temple, Bible, Church, Hymns, Communion

OT v. NT Rituals

The Embodied Presence of God vs.
The Symbolic Presence of God

Jesus, The Cross, and the Veil of the Temple

Transubstantiation vs. Consubstantiation

Dynamics of Worship

REVELATION

- In worship God always reveals more of Himself to us
- vs. 14
- Isaiah 6
- John 4:24 – it is a revelation of Spirit and Truth, Head and Heart
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Dynamics of Worship

- **REFLECTION**
- In worship God places a mirror in our face to see ourselves through His reflection
- vs. 11
- Isaiah 6
- Psalm 51
- This reflection often leads to the recognition of iniquity and a call to righteousness
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Dynamics of Worship

- **Encounters with God**
- Jacob wrestling with the presence of the divine
- Hagar in the wilderness
- Isaiah's calling
- Paul on the Road to Damascus
- Jesus' transfiguration on Mt. Hermon
- Images of worship in Nehemiah 8,9; Revelation 19-22; II Chronicles 29