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Learning At Home

Walking with Jesus - Part 9: Worship only God



Bible Study:

In today's lesson, we seek to ponder why God is the ONLY one WORTHY of our worship. We have three examples from the Old Testament and we are also reminded that Paul's epistles (letters from the Apostles) were not new teachings, but simply a richer revelation from God about His Nature – (His Law).

Read Exodus 32. The Israelites made a golden calf, while Moses was up on Mount Sinai talking with God and getting the 10 commandments. This story illustrates how people are broken by sin, with hearts that cannot be trusted and are quick to turn from him. We also see from Moses the correct posture in worshipping God. **In bowing down**, Moses showed reverence, recognizing God's supreme power; **in his words of praise**, he affirmed God's Good Nature and His mercy; and **in his plea**, he showed that He trusted God as a faithful provider, despite the Israelite's unfaithfulness. This is what true worship looks like!

Read 1 Kings 18. God displayed his awesome power by sending down fire to destroy the alter to Baal. The people fell face down (a sign of reverence) and exclaimed The Lord, HE is God. God did this so that he could return to his rightful place of LORD in the hearts of his people.



The gospel in the story:

We are quick to attempt to shape God into a version of him that fits our agenda (like the Israelites) and to adopt the passions of the culture and people around us. Our hearts turn away from Him and trust the successes we chase through our jobs and hobbies. Those things we put our trust in become our idols because we believe that they will meet our needs. But God is the ONLY one who is capable of meeting our needs. He sent his Son to ultimately make that happen, because there is nothing we can do to bring us back into relationship with God, which is the exact, the ONLY thing that we need.

Application:

Head: What did we learn?

Q: What does idolatry look like? A: Placing your trust in something other than God

Q: What does worship look like? A: Reverence, praise (affirmation), and obedience (trust)

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

When we understand the folly of chasing the things of this world, and see the lengths God has taken and continues to take to show his authority, we respond with the ONLY right response to God's glory and power which is reverence, praise and obedience. Consider what areas of your life that you are not trusting God with... the areas of your life that you are pursuing in order to match the passions of our culture of those around us, or maybe you are pursuing to gain acceptance, status or to acquire things... all of those things you may be pursuing for your glory. God's word teaches us how to live lives set apart from the world. Look to his word for how you should be living, not to the world.