

SERMON ON A DULL SUBJECT

SERMON ON EXODUS 3:1-12

I RESPONSE TO Q's CALL
ATTENDANCE

II - REVERENCE FOR Q's CHARACTER
ATTITUDE ADORATION

III - RESPONSIBILITY IN Q's CAUSE
ACTION

thought all sermons on dull subjects - James Robison - "Why you're don't like to go to church - don't like to go to funeral!"

I. Text: Exodus 3:1-12

II. Major Objective: Devotional

III. Central Idea: God calls man into His Presence in an experience of worship regardless of time or place.

IV. Subject: The Nature of True Worship

V. Thesis and Goal:

1. Proposition: True worship is not dependent upon the outward circumstances of building and occasion, but is founded upon eternal principles found in the nature of God and the needs of man.

*Body will
of elder brother good*

State your objective in terms of desired action on the part of your hearers

2. Specific Objective: To bring the listeners to the place of re-evaluation of their concept of worship, and to create the desire to worship God aright.

I want to speak about a dull subject.

VI. Introduction: The desert seems an unlikely and inadequate place for a worship service. *wasn't dull to Moses, Paul, early Christians - meant death* When we think of worship our imaginations take the forms of beautiful and solemn edifices, of robed choirs and magnificent sounding pipe-organs. We see the people as they sit with lights dimmed in deep meditation, holding in their hands the order of worship, waiting for the next rising and response. To most of us this is our concept of worship. *They expected things to happen - how might come back or ambassador might drop dead - to Smith - good for prayer meeting*

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Moses trying to serve ~~God~~ make a mistake in desert - it was worshipping ~~God~~ that got Moses out of desert gave him a purpose in life set feet in right direction.

A Christian is a worshipper of Jesus Christ

not only on Sunday but he lives in worship

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to restore power.

that you are objecting in terms of the part of your heart

we don't know
Very little true worship is done - how to worship.

The Sun and the Umbrellas, and in it the author stated that Christ was an umbrella which hid God from us. To be sure, the book is to be shunned by all who love Christ but there is a suggestion for us. Is it not possible that we have become so accustomed to the forms of worship that they may be serving as umbrellas hiding us from true worship? It is very possible that we can wrongly emphasize the forms of worship and find ourselves worshipping beauty and art rather than God.

This is a very real danger. The only safeguard against such a thing happening to us is to discover what constitutes true worship. There is nothing wrong with form; preparation and organization are necessary. But the principles of true worship must rise above the forms of worship. *with the life-changing*

In the passage before us are revealed in the experience of Moses the principles of true worship. His place of worship was a holy place; God was there and spoke to him. But it was on a desert mountain while Moses was keeping sheep. This experience of worship was so great and meaningful that it changed the entire course of his life. This is the type of worship we desire; life-changing experiences with God. Let us learn from this passage how we may have such a worship experience.

more
scripture's
ground

VII. Body:

an angel
said to
him

*Give lecture to
Pastor*

Response to God's call

from 1 - I put desire
in man's heart,
even pagans -
ATTENDANCE

I. True Worship is Initiated by God. (Exodus 3:1-4)

We do not worship God because we are inherently desirous of communication with God, but because God calls us to worship. Worship, like salvation, is completely the good work of a Sovereign God.

Impulse comes from God - impulse - Divine restlessness within every man

we should worship - not to set a new attendance goal, but because God calls us.

Silly excuses for missing = wife sick - will go to work, etc

Do you think God merits some time - deserves your attention - Sunday into a still the Lord's Day

we can wrongly emphasize the forms of worship and the only safeguard against such things is to discover what constitutes true worship. But the principles of true worship must rise above the forms of worship. The message before us are revealed in the experience of Moses the prophet of true worship. His place of worship turned aside, put off his shoes, etc

I spoke to him after he saw him turn aside - I don't speak to anyone as because we never turn aside!

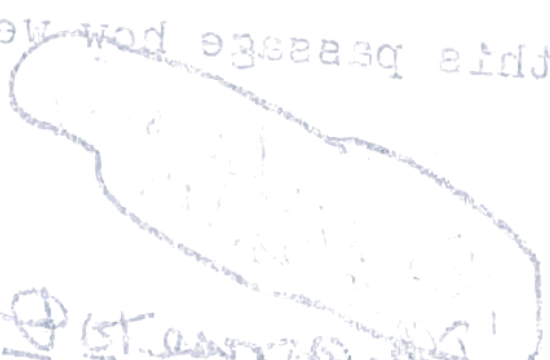
in against worship two ways: 1. attendance 2. attitude

I didn't give him the message till after he had turned aside, put off his shoes, etc

I had a wonderful message for Moses but it was a holy place, I don't want till Moses is prepared for hearing it. The first 6 verses of is preparing Moses for the worship experience -

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Handwritten signature or initials.

Body:



Moses

Je = "Is President going to be there?"

Car must turn aside, off highway to repair - body, with sleep -

Important = not number but that G has called us to worship - N.T. Come together - Body is together

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I will time to this. Left business to worship.
1. Sin in our attendance.

Each should participate during prayer

state in attitude
to be called with 2, 3
not intrude
to draw into presence
How did Moses reveal this? Speak to G speak to us
I speak to us
to intercede for us
two poles for that
I took off shoes

1. God's call to worship is a call to turn aside from other things. (Exodus 3:1-3) **Priority** **Preminent** **can worship at home** **at times we need to turn aside**

(1) God used a burning bush to draw Moses attention away from the ordinary affairs of life. **why a nursery**

(2) The Holy Spirit within us is our "burning bush" to draw us to God in worship. **a personal encounter with G**

Concentrate only on one thing - **G meets each personally**

2. God's call to worship is **personal** "...Moses, Moses" (Exodus 3:4) **moses' commission began with a personal call for this is a personal not vicarious = only pastor experience**

3. God's call to worship demands our obedience. **no worship without an obedient heart**

"Here am I" (Exodus 3:4) **O.T. sacrifices without obedience rejected by G - "To obey is better than sacrifice."** **ADORATION ATTITUDE**

II. True Worship Requires Reverence for God. (Exodus 3:5,6) **Reverence for G's character** **prepare heart for worship**

1. We are ~~not to rush heedlessly~~ into God's presence. **with CARE.** "Draw not nigh hither" (Exodus 3:5) **G told Moses to stop & think, remember where he was**

2. We are to realize that the act of worship is made holy by the presence of God. "...holy ground" (Exodus 3:5)

(1) The place of the burning bush was made holy by the presence of the holy God. **mountain** (Exodus 3:12)

(2) The putting off of the shoes was intended to express not merely respect for the place itself, but that reverence which the inward man owes to the holy God. **mark respect & reverence**

3. We are to enter His presence with true **humility** born of Godly fear. "And Moses hid his face" (Exodus 3:6)

no nothing was to be seen but the fire, the knowledge that G was there rendered the fire awe-ful.

Worship, not monology

III. True Worship Involves Communion with God. (Exodus 3:7-11)

Worship is not meditation; that is only one form of worship. Worship is an inter-communion between man and God. *Quaker replied, "As soon as the meeting is over."*

1. In worship God speaks to us. (Exodus 3:7-10)

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(2) He speaks to us of His power. (Exodus 3:8,9)

(3) He speaks to us of His will for our lives.

(Exodus 3:10)

2. In worship we speak to God. (Exodus 3:11)

Looking around during prayer

Responsibility to His Cause

IV. True Worship Results in Service for God. (Exodus 3:12)

1. We serve because His continued presence is promised.

"I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12a)

2. We serve because He has a specific task for us.

(Exodus 3:12b)

3. We serve because service is the highest form of worship.

"Ye shall serve God upon this mountain" (Exodus 3:12c)

VIII. Conclusion: When Moses left that mountain he left with a new vision. He would never be the same. His experience of true worship of God dispelled his doubts and settled the purpose of his life. God called him into an area of service with which he was compassionate: the deliverance of Israel.

There is no greater need in the church today than this true worship of God; nothing else will bring greater blessings to the congregation. We must come before His presence as His obedient children ready to hear His voice.

He is personally interested & active in His people's cause

Where things are settled

Thom's word, preacher

fulfill in center of stage of central part of worship.

must put the shoes back on.

Purpose in worship

Don't leave in Church, His presence makes us fit.



Be more personal in your conclusion

Text 1:1-14

Once a stranger entered a Quaker worship meeting and took his seat next to a somber Quaker. After sitting for a few minutes in silence he turned to the meditative worshipper and asked when the service would begin. The Quaker replied, "As soon as the meeting is over." There is really no closeness--we feel no involvement.

2. Inferior motives--suffering of missionaries; poor, lost people, etc.

This stirs emotion, but it soon dies. We forget we ever shed a tear.

The real reason and motive for missions is not the Great Commission--or anything else Jesus said--not duty, but it is Jesus Himself. He is the motive.

Isaiah--chapter 6--When he saw God, he went.
Paul--Acts 9--When he saw Christ, he went.

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Munger Place Bpt - Dallas, TX - 1966
MBC, Irving, Texas - 1-8-67*

Every revelation from God to men has been local at the Incarnation; Bethlehem.

Every revelation from God to men is meant to be spread by way of human messengers.

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and the crucifixion--they are the dynamic for missions.

I. THE INCARNATION

1. What is it?

- (1) It is God becoming identified with men. 1:14; Phil. 2:5,7.
- (2) It is God becoming man.
- (3) It is God becoming flesh.
- (4) It is God becoming man.