

Sermon Reflections

The Way of Worship • Exodus 35-40

Summary: God draws near to us that we might honor Him in Worship.

The Lord demands that we honor Him in our worship of Him in 4 different ways:

1. Give to God from the heart (vv. 35:1-29).

- Our giving to God must not be under compulsion but from a willing, generous heart. How can we cultivate a heart like this?
- Ask yourself, Do I really want to give to God and His work in the world. If not, what might be the reason(s) for that?
- The Bible has so much to say about money and possessions: Read Matthew 6:19—21 and discuss the implications.
- Were you surprised to find out that 75% of the giving at GBC is given by 30% of the membership? How can you and I bring our attitudes and ideas about giving into more compliance with what the Bible indicates?
- God knows what we give. Does that bother you?

2. When we worship God, we serve God with the skill given to us by His Spirit (vv. 35:30-38:31)

- God gave two men special ability to produce and teach others to be able to accomplish the work that He wanted done. God called them and equipped them. How does this differ with the way we see God working in the lives of His people these days?
- Why does God gift the body of Christ the way He does? Hint: to T___ like Jesus and to A__ like Jesus.

3. Obey God by the Book (vv. 39:1-40:33)

- Moses did all that the Lord commanded. The fruit of their obedience was to be able to enjoy the presence of the Lord. Do you ever think that applies to your own life? Is the direction of my life going in this way?

4. Approach God by the blood (vv. 40:34-38)

- We see in this passage that even Moses couldn't enter the tabernacle once it was finished. But there was a way and if you turn the page to Leviticus, you find out how God made a way - The Passover Lamb/Jesus. Where else do we see Jesus portrayed in this way?