In My Worship To God (Loving Others)

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to challenge our thinking a little bit this morning on the subject of the Lord's day and the worship that we have.
- So when we think about the Lord's Day, I want you to think about what does the Lord's day and worship mean to you?

1 Special Things About the Lord's Day

Genesis 1:3–5; 1 John 1:5

- So light is a special thing that was created on the first day. We also see on this day that Jesus was raised from the dead.
- Remembering his death till he comes, but now we should all understand it's because of his resurrection that we're here.
- When we think of that, we also think about the Lord's church began.
- But it's a day of teaching, preaching, worship, singing, giving, particularly participating in the Lord's Supper. It's a day of edification and spiritual refreshing.

2 Why Worship?

Malachi 1:6; Ephesians 5:1

- We need to honor God. God wants us to worship Him. He seeks those who worship Him in spirit and truth.
- It's coming to worship because my Heavenly Father seeks me to worship him.
- But in Ephesians 5 and verse 1, Paul simply says this, be imitators of God as dear children.

3 The Challenges to This Opportunity

- There are some challenges to this opportunity, and that is the challenge of authority. God wants us to be there, but at the same time, he doesn't want us to worship in vain.
- What did you put into it? What did you put into the service? Were you a participant?
- I don't want to be ignorant in what I'm coming to do, why I'm coming to do it.
- The Lord wants us to worship his way in spirit and in truth. Not my way, but his way.

4 The Nature of True Worship

John 4:24

- But the proper object is God. Nothing else but God. God is our object of worship.
- Along that line, the proper standard is truth.
- The proper attitude is with the Spirit.

- The singing, the praying, the teaching, the Lord's Supper, the giving. As we repeat those, we need to understand those are five acts of worship that we are to do on the Lord's day, the first day of the week.

5 We're Not to Forsake It

Hebrews 10:19–25

- Let us draw near with a true heart. Where's your heart at this morning?
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.
- Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.
- I can't do that if I'm not here. If I'm not here, I can't stir you up, you can't stir me up.
- You don't have to go to services. You are privileged to go to services.

6 The Day for the Lord

- It's not the Christian Sabbath. Sabbath day was hung on the cross when Jesus died.
- Our whole day should be dedicated to Him. Now, it should be in Bible study. It should be in visitation. It should be in hospitality. It should be in personal evangelism.
- We can disentangle ourselves from activities that interfere with our service to the Lord.
- Reserve this day for the Lord and His people. His people. That's us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I'm not really living up to what he wants me to do. And I need to change. Now's the time to do it. Today's the first day of the rest of your life. Live the rest of your life for Christ Jesus.**

MY NOTES