Real Faith Worships

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INTRODUCTION

- If our faith is strong enough to believe that He is with us this morning, that we are in His presence, then such faith inevitably will cause us to worship Him.
- There are many people who seem to think somehow or other that just any worship offered to God is entirely acceptable to him.
- That means God accepts some worship and he does not accept other worship.

1 Offered to an Invisible God

- Abel had no more seen God than you and I have seen God.
- If you and I have worshiped as we should this morning, we have been aware of the invisible God, even more aware of him than we are of the people around us.
- Worship offered in faith is worship primarily offered to God with an awareness of God.
- If we're not aware of God, we may do the right things. But it's not worship in faith.

2 Doing What God Wants, Not What We Want

- It was an acceptable sacrifice. It was what God wanted.
- Certainly the fact that we like something doesn't prove God likes it. God has to tell us what he likes. And he's told us in his word.
- Worship in faith is doing what God wants, not what we want.

3 He Brought the Best of What He Had

- He offered the firstborn of the flock and of their fat. The very best that he could offer, he brought to God.
- He looked to God for his reward. He obtained testimony from God that he was righteous.

4 He Was a Righteous Man

1 John 3:12; Malachi 1:11–14; Matthew 6:1

- All kinds of worship can be offered, but if our lives are not consistent with our words and our deeds in worship, then our worship is not acceptable.
- The life we live determines whether God accepts the worship that we offer or not.
- It's not how well we do in leading prayer or leading songs or even singing in the pew. It's how hard we try.
- Even though you make prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

5 When Faith Fails, It Changes the Worship

Romans 1:21–22; 2 Thessalonians 2

- When faith fails, it changes the worship completely. Now it's still called worship.
- When we bring the first of what we have to something other than Jehovah, then we have brought it to what is truly our God.
- When faith grows weak and God is forgotten, then we do what we want to do instead of what God would have us to do.
- We're here to please God and to please those who ought to please God, but not to please the world.
- As faith grows weak, worship becomes less spiritual and more human, more materialistic, more appealing to the senses.

6 Acceptable Worship Only When Right With God

John 14:6; Hebrews 10:21–22

- We can only offer acceptable worship to God when we're right with God.
- Doesn't matter how impressive a worship service may be if we don't go through Christ.
- When we come in faith into the relationship with Jesus Christ, our faith is counted for holiness.
- Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is there someone here this morning who would enter into that relationship with the Lord that your faith may be accepted as righteousness?**

MY NOTES