Worshiping God

Antoine Holloway · Genesis 35:9–15 · Series: **Preparing Our Youth For What's Next**

INTRODUCTION

- In all of these verses, we see that Jacob made the worship of God his priority.
- Worship is the way we show our devotion to God and celebrate Him for what He has done, for what He is doing, and for what He will do in the lives of the faithful.
- We have been saved to serve. We serve the world through evangelism. We serve one another with our fellowship with one another. And we serve God through worship.

1 Is God Served by Our Lack of Worship?

John 12:32; Colossians 3:23–24

- Jesus is recorded as saying, and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.
- In order for Jesus to be lifted up so that men can see him, Christians have to be the one to honor him, to make him the priority in our lives.
- Whatever you do, work heartily. As for the Lord and not for men.
- Jacob was kicked out of his house, running from his brother, yet he found time to worship God.
- When we worship God, we're to do it with our whole heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul.
- Will individuals be drawn to Christ by us sacrificing a day for God, or by us sacrificing God for a day?

2 How Is Praying Serving God?

Genesis 32:9–12

- Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him that he may come and attack me.
- Through prayer we acknowledge that there is a God. If we acknowledge his existence, then others by our example are encouraged to do the same.
- Through prayer we acknowledge our sins.
- Through prayer, we acknowledge what he has done and is doing.
- Through prayer, we acknowledge our need for help.

3 How Is Giving Serving God?

Genesis 28:20–22

- And of all that you give me, I will give a full tenth to you.
- Through giving financially, we express to a lost and dying world our belief in a work that is worthwhile.
- If we are dissatisfied in our worship to God, or have feelings of not being spiritually fed, then could it be due to our lack of giving?
- What do you think you're going to get out of worship if you don't put anything into worship?

- God is being served by our giving, brothers and sisters. Because we express to him our belief in his plan being perfect.

4 How Is Hearing God's Word Serving God?

Genesis 35:1–4; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6

- Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves and change your garments.
- He was not only a hearer of God's word, we see that he was also a doer of God's word.
- Through the hearing of God's word, faith is being produced, and faith is being strengthened.
- Faith comes by hearing. Faith does not come by having heard.
- God is being served because without faith, the Bible teaches us in Hebrews chapter 11, verse 6, that it is impossible to please God.
- We serve God by becoming better Christians as a result of hearing his word.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us be resolved to live our lives as if Christ died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back on tomorrow.**

MY NOTES