

Worship God

The Theology and Practice of Worship (Part Five)

Heart Attitudes

Worship is essentially an issue of the heart not outward form

Strong affections for God, rooted in and fueled by the truth of God, is the heart of biblical worship

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Spiritual Affections

1. Love for God

- *“love is the first and chief of the affections, and the fountain of all the affections” (J. Edwards)*

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Matthew 22:36-38

- 36) “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
37) And He said to them, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOU HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.
38) This is the great and foremost commandment.”

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Spiritual Affections

1. Love of God

2. Reverence and Awe (“fear”)

- “...let us have gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29)*

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Spiritual Affections

1. Love (Deut. 6:4)
2. Reverence/Awe (Heb. 12:28-29)
3. Gratitude (Col. 3:16-17)
4. Joy/Delight (Phil. 4:4; Psalm 37:4)

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Spiritual Affections

5. Hope (Psalm 42:5; 33:18)
6. Brokenness (Ps. 51:17; Is. 66:2)
7. Satisfaction (Psalm 63:5)
8. Desire/Longing (Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1)

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Kindling the Affections

1. Repent of your coldness
2. Ask for specific, godly affections
3. Fix your mind on a biblical truth/promise
4. Act outwardly in obedience

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Philippians 4:6-9

- 6) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8) Finally brethren, whatever is true...let your mind dwell on these things.