

Acceptable Worship

Worship Series – Part 4

Scripture text – Genesis 4:1-5

Introduction

- Premise: Worship is _____ a “come-as-you-are” event, to which all are _____, without any preconditions.
- God made this clear in the _____ pages of the Bible.

Humanity’s First Sin

- Humanity’s first sin was nothing less than the corruption of its _____.
- Remarkably, God didn’t give up on creation. However, while expelling Adam & Eve from the garden, he also gave instructions on _____ humanity was to render appropriate worship.
- This included bringing God an _____.

Two Boys Go to Church

- Both boys went to church, but only _____’s worship was approved by God.
- The big question is why?

A Couple of Clues

1. The passage is quite _____ with respect to Abel’s offering, but not with Cain’s.
 - The inference is that Abel put a great deal of _____ into his offering and he wanted to give God his _____.
 - Thus, it wasn’t just the offering itself, but Abel’s _____ that mattered to God.
2. At the same time, Abel’s choice of an offering _____ what God had done in the aftermath of Adam & Eve’s sin.
 - The inference is that Abel understood the necessity of a _____ for his sin.

- Thus, a condition of acceptable worship is a _____ on behalf of the worshipper.

Application for New Testament Worship

1. Worship ought to involve some _____ on the part of the individual worshipper, especially the dealing with _____.
2. The modern church has probably gone too far in its emphasis on _____ and the “_____” of the worshipper.
3. Every worshipper ought to come with an _____.
4. Every worship gathering must include the explicit acknowledgement of Christ’s _____ on our behalf.