



Fall focus

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A Biblical View of Worship Part 4 A Response of Humility

*A Selection from Pastor Mark Kirkpatrick's Master of Ministry Seminary Writing Project:
Continued from August Newsletter*

If worship is “the response of man when he encounters God or His actions,” what should that response look like? What should these “worship” services look like? What kind of music should be used? Should it be traditional or contemporary? Should it be more liturgical or informal? In Psalms alone the active response of worship is demonstrated by bowing down (Psalm 95), clapping (Psalm 47), lifting hands and playing musical instruments (Psalm 134). Often the lines drawn in this conversation have to do with music or style in a service, and certainly there are important questions that each church must answer when it comes to these subjects. However, worship is not merely an outward physical response. It is both the response of the heart, and the active response of a changed life. But it must begin on the heart level.

Isaiah’s response to his vision of God was first a response of humility. He saw the awesome transcendence of God and recognized his own unworthiness. He could not stand to be in the presence of God in his sinful condition. He saw God’s majesty and power, but he also saw the greatness of God’s holiness! He did not just fear an almighty God; he also feared the righteous judgment of a perfectly holy God. Of all of God’s attributes, it is God’s holiness that is highlighted in Isaiah’s vision. Not only did the seraphim cry continually, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts ...” (Isaiah 6:3a), but they also covered themselves as they cried.

Alexander MacLaren writes in his commentary on Isaiah 6: “As a man brought suddenly into the sunlight, especially if out of a darkened chamber, by an instinctive action shades his eyes with his hand, so these burning creatures, confronted with the still more fervid and fiery light of the divine nature, fold one pair of their great white pinions over their shining faces, even whilst they cry ‘Holy! Holy! Holy! is the Lord God Almighty!’ And does not that teach us the incapacity of the highest creature, with the purest vision, to gaze undazzled into the shining light of God? ... ‘With twain he covered his feet.’ The less comely and inferior parts of that fiery corporeity were veiled lest they should be seen by the Eyes that see all things. The wings made no screen that hid the seraph’s feet from the eye of God, but it was the instinctive lowly sense of unworthiness that folded them across the feet, even though they, too, burned as a furnace.”

The greater one’s vision of God, the more aware of his own unworthiness he will be. And the closer God draws to man the more aware he will be of his sin. Isaiah recognized this as he fell before the Lord in complete humility.

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New Members Class

One of the most important and necessary steps you can take to becoming a part of South Baptist Church is attending our “New Member Class.” During this class we will discuss information regarding our church’s vision, doctrine, facilitates, ministries, leadership, and what’s really important to us. After completing this class you will be able to walk away with a clear understanding of what our expectation is for each member.

If you are interested in attending this class, you can sign-up on our website at the following link, or you can sign-up at the table in the “Welcome” area: <http://www.sbcbaycity.org/new-member-class/>



New Member Class
Worship. Grow. Serve. Go.
Sunday October 16 | 4:00 pm
Sunday October 23 | 4:00 pm

Worship begins with the passive response of the heart, but continues through and is manifested in an active response. When Nathan the prophet came to David after he had sinned with Bathsheba, David recognized God's holiness and humbly repented of his sin and pleaded for God's mercy and forgiveness. In his prayer to God, David declares in Psalm 51:17-18, "For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Paul Tripp writes in his book *Dangerous Calling*, "Because the inertia of sin leads away from God's purposes and glory toward my purposes and glory, as long as sin is inside of me there will be temptation to exchange God's glory for my own. In ways that are subtle and not so subtle."

Additionally, Tripp says, "we must regularly be exposed, humbled, assured, and given rest by the grace of our Redeemer."

For those who have the responsibility and privilege of leading the church in corporate worship, one goal should always be to strive to hold before the hearts of the worshippers the awesome majesty, power and holiness of God. People need to be reminded often that God is both wonderfully great, perfectly holy and intimately near through Jesus Christ. This is what is going to make a difference in the lives of God's people. These are the types of services where the transforming power of the Spirit will be evident.

Sunday Night Musical

Sunday night October 9 at 6:00 pm we will be joining the members of First Baptist Church for a night of combined worship and praise. The service will be held at First Baptist Church in Essexville on Center Ave. There will be congregational singing, special music, favorites, and a time of prayer. Following the service there will be an ice-cream fellowship for all who attend. We are encouraging all of our church family to attend as we come together to build one another up and support our brothers and sisters in Christ here in our community.

Church Events

- Oct 9 Quarterly Business Meeting following AM Service
- Oct 9 Sunday Night Musical @ FBC Essexville
- Oct 10 Released Time Bible Class
- Oct 11 Ladies Bible Study
- Oct 14 Youth Group - SkyZone
- Oct 15 Deaconess Meeting
- Oct 16 4 pm New Member Class
- Oct 16 6 pm Behold Your God Bible Study Series Begins
- Oct 23 4 pm New Member Class
- Oct 30 Fall Potluck

Sunday Night Bible Class Series

Behold Your God: Rethinking God Biblically

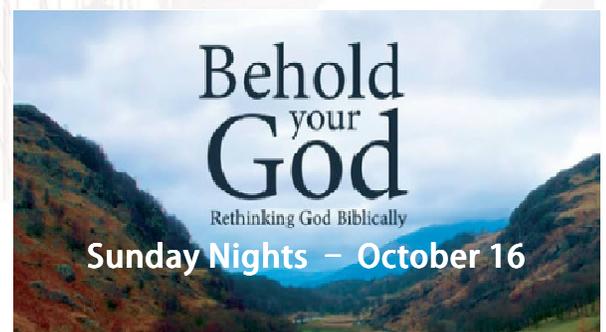
Are we sure that the God we serve is the God described in Scripture? Is rethinking Him biblically really necessary? How do we do it? How would it affect our views of Christ, the gospel, holiness, worship, evangelism, service and revival?

Behold Your God is a 12-week study led by John Snyder, and focuses on God's self-revelation in the Bible, while helping the believer to apply the descriptions of God to all of life.

"Filmed at historical locations across Great Britain and the United States, this study also takes into consideration the voices of saints from the past.

The lives and ministries of Charles Spurgeon, A. W. Tozer, George Muller, Jonathan Edwards, Amy Carmichael, and others demonstrate the impact of the truth that what we believe about God affects everything about us. Finally, highlights from interviews with contemporary ministers, missionaries and authors aid us in applying truths about God's character to the modern context.

The weekly video series and discussion is supplemented by a devotional guide, intended to be completed by each student during the week leading up to each lesson. These devotional guides will be made



available at the **first session on Sunday October 16**. A donation of \$15 is suggested for this devotional guide.

Our children's class will be taught by Tammy Heydens. Both classes begin at 6:00 pm each Sunday night.