

WHEN WORSHIP IS WRONG!
Does This Seem Unthinkable & Distasteful To You?

INTRODUCTION

- A. This is my proposition! If we want to worship God properly, it must first come from Him not us!
- B. Worship a tortilla!!! Is this questionable only because it's different or because this command never came from God?
- C. DT 6:4-5. This is a call to worship; it was their number #1 priority!
- D. EX 20:2-5. Very first commandment was a warning to worship God alone! And to not worship an image of any creature!
- E. Tabernacle - All the tribes faced tabernacle. 7 chapters (243) are devoted to its details. Only 31 verses for the creation. No one came in and sat down to be entertained. Purpose was singular; To worship God! Did they do it in a certain way?
- F. Tabernacle – EX 30:34-37. Does it sound like God wanted to be worshipped in a certain way? Does it sound like he wanted it to be holy or separate?
- G. Warning – God had an ideal about how He wanted to be worshipped.
 - 1. They couldn't worship God with their perfume, and...
 - 2. They couldn't wear God's perfume for their purposes!
- H. When worship is wrong.
 - 1. Unthinkable and distasteful to declare anyone's worship wrong, even tortillas worship. But the Bible clearly shows God's displeasure and His judgment against those who assumed they could worship in their way.
 - B. EX 32:4.

DISCUSSION

- I. WHEN WORSHIP IS WRONG – THE GOLDEN CALF.
 - A. EX 32:8.
 - B. EX 32:19.
 - C. EX 32:20.
 - D. EX 32:24.
 - E. EX 32:35.
 - F. Why not worship the true God in this way?
- II. WHEN WORSHIP IS WRONG – NADAB & ABIHU.
 - A. LE 10:1. Priests who were called to offer this incense to the Lord on behalf of the people. Profane fire? It was a fire not commanded by God!
 - B. LE 10:2. Did the Lord approve, appreciate man's ingenuity?
- III. WHEN WORSHIP IS WRONG – KING SAUL.
 - A. 1 SA 13:13.
 - B. 1 SA 13:8-12.
 - 1. Even in compelling situations, God did not approve of his commands about worship being altered! Did you notice that?
 - 2. Often times we have emergencies or special circumstances and we decide that God will be okay with me worshipping according to the practices of the religions of the land!
- IV. WHEN WORSHIP IS WRONG – UZZA.
 - A. 2 SA 6:6.
 - B. NU 4:15. He had been taught this since he was little. Son of Kohath!
- V. FOUR KINDS OF UNACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.
 - A. The Worship Of False Gods! RO 1:21-23. The NT calls idolatry covetousness. When we make the possession of things our God!

- B. The Worship Of The True God In A Wrong Form. I'm worshipping the true God just through the means of a tortilla or statue of a great saint, etc.
- C. The Worship Of The True God In A Self Styled Manner. I'm going to worship the true God my way. Set up an altar in my house, under a tree or in a ceremony I design. I get more out of it! Change some things like Nadab and Abihu: Add an instrument, etc. change the elements of Lord's Supper; change the day of the week.
- D. The Worship Of The True God, In The Right Manner, But With The Wrong Attitude. Amos 5:21-24.
- E. Finally, one that should get our attention, doing just as God commands but with a spirit that is dead!

VI. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

- A. Proper Object = The One True God!
Proper Manner = According To Revealed Truth.
Proper Attitude = Thanksgiving & Adoration
- B. JN 4:24.
- C. Proper worship!

CONCLUSION

- A. To worship the true God of heaven in spirit and in truth one must be a Christian.
- B. Obey the Gospel of the Christ.