

Weekend Message for July 9-10, 2005

Soul Music

"Worship Unshackled!"

Psalm 95

We are creatures of habit. We like to go through the same morning routine each day. We typically drive the same roads to work and back. Many of us enjoy listening to the same radio station while driving. We go to the same restaurants we've visited before, ordering the same food and same drink as always. At church, we go to the same service each week, sit in the same chairs as usual, and hope that the service isn't too different than the week before!

The God who made every species of flower and every shape and color of human loves variety. It is the spice of life! That's why we need to realize that there is more than one way to worship our great God!

>The Danger of Worship Ruts

- We can allow our worship of God to become _____ and _____.
- We can become _____ of those who worship differently.
- We can _____ our expressions of love for God.

>How Should We Approach Worship?

- Worship is more about _____ than _____. It's more about what we _____ than what we _____.
- Worship is more about _____ than _____. It's more about who God is and what He's done than it is about what I think.

- **Worship is more _____ than our practice. There are many acceptable ways to worship:**

- Through _____.
- In _____ of praise.
- By _____ down and _____.
- Through _____ our hands. (Psalm 47:1)
- Through _____ our hands. (Psalm 134:2)
- Through the playing of _____ and _____. (Psalm 150:3-5)
- Through being _____. (Psalm 46:10)

All are appropriate because worship is about both _____ and _____.

WARNING! Guard against bringing attention to yourself rather than God.

- **Worship is more about the _____ than _____. While it takes on physical expressions, it must originate from deep within.** (Isaiah 29:13)

>Don't Be Afraid to Learn New Ways to Worship!

- Allow your body to _____ your heart.
- Experiment in _____ if you prefer.
- Worship according to your _____.
- Visit a worship service that is _____ from what you are used to.

--CHALLENGE--

Have you fallen into a worship rut? Have you tried worshipping God in any new ways in the past year? Choose to worship God today in some new way.