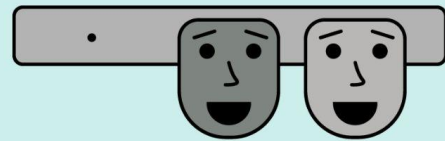


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baptisms** | Baptism not only signifies resurrection to a new life in Christ, but it is also a public commitment to walk in Christ's way. Baptism means we now belong to Christ. Ready to be baptized or interested in learning more about baptism? Northview Mission will be hosting an online baptism class on April 28th from 7-8:30 PM. If this is of interest to you, reach out to us at mission@northview.org!
- **Drive In Services** - We are planning to continue to hold drive in services as long as we are able. Unless restrictions change, registration will be live on our website Wednesday at 12:00pm.
- **New Podcast** It's called Conversations with Jeff Bucknam. Find on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Pray for George & Madeline Harrison who serve with Maranatha Evangelistic Association in Cuba and South Sudan.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Local Outreach: Cyrus Center

Cyrus Centre was opened to help meet the basic needs of at-risk, homeless youth and their families.

It is an inner city mission, providing a safe and welcoming place for youth.

Pray for the staff and the volunteers involved in this ministry; that they would be filled with wisdom and compassion

Pray for the youth that have stumbled upon the Cyrus Center; that the Lord would call them to Himself; that these youth would have their physical needs met but also come to love and know the Lord.

LOOK

Read Malachi 1:6-14

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?
4. What ideas or words are repeated?

Observations:

- Note the questions that frame this extended conversation:
 - Questions from the priests - how have we shown contempt (v.6), how have we defiled you (v.7)?
 - Questions from God - where is my honor (v.6), where is my respect (v.6), will God show you favor [for bad offerings] (v.9),
- The priest are offering unlawful sacrifices in the form of injured, lame, and blind animals (vv.8, 13)
- The priests are weary of following God's laws regarding sacrifices (v.13)
- God shares His vision for the purpose of all of creation - all the nations will worship God rightly (v.11)
- Note the significant repetition of the name of God: Lord Almighty (v.6, 8, 9, 10, 11,13, 14)
- God prefers no worship over bad worship (v.10)
 - It also worth noting that in saying this, God is revealing that He does not need our worship, but rather we need the right form of worship (good sacrifices) and right object of worship (Almighty God) for our own good (see Acts 17:24-25 to make this point more clear)

LEARN

Read 2 Chron. 29:1-5, 25-29

1. Hezekiah is described as "doing right in the eyes of the Lord" (v.2), how does that compare to his father reign?
 - See 2 Chron. 28:22-27 for some examples
 - Ahaz was the one who closed the temple doors (v.24) and worshipped idols (v.23) and also led the people of Judah to do the same
2. What must the Levites do before they can consecrate/cleanse the temple?
They must first cleanse themselves (v.5)

3. Where did the Levites learn the correct manner in which to worship God?
 - From the prophets Gad and Nathan (v.25) and King David's Psalms (v.25)
 - Note that the Bible informs us both in regards to the object of our worship (YHWH the one true God) and the form of our worship (singing, making music with instruments, etc.) (vv.27-28)
4. Who was included in this worship experience?
 - The priests (v.21), the levites (v.25), the city officials (v.20), and the king (v.27)
 - The important thing to note is that the right worship of God is a corporate event in addition to a personal experience

Rom. 12:1-2 clarifies for the modern Christian what we ought to imitate from the faithful example of King Hezekiah and the people of Judah.

5. Rather than animals, what is the sacrifice that Christians ought to give?
 - Their own bodies (v.1), i.e., their lifestyle, their habits, their values, etc.
 - It is a living sacrifice, which clarifies that it is an ongoing experience that may not always be easy or comfortable
6. What is the effect that this form of worship will have on Christians?
 - The renewal of the mind (v.2) leading to non-conformity with the sinful patterns of this world
 - The renewal of the mind (v.2) leading to a knowledge of God's will (i.e., a lifestyle of being a "living sacrifice" to the Lord)

Read 2 Chron. 29:30-36

7. What adjectives are used to describe the people's attitudes regarding this worship event?
They have gladness of heart (v.30), they offer sacrifices with willing hearts (v.31), the people rejoiced during this event (v.36)

8. What details from this passage make it clear that this was an all-hands-on-deck worship gathering?

The people gave abundant sacrifices (v.35), the Levites stepped in to help offer those sacrifices (v.34), the people moved quickly (v.36)

LIVE

In this passage in Malachi and in the supplementary passage in the Learn section, we learn that the right worship of God includes both a right attitude and a right manner.

1. What Christian practices should we encourage as good forms of worship?

Corporate gatherings, giving, singing, any spiritual discipline (such as prayer, Bible reading, fasting, solitude, etc.)

2. Which of those listed above do you currently struggle with or have struggled with in the past?

People can struggle to do any of these things (manner) or they can struggle to find joy in doing them (attitude). Both are deadly to our worship habits, and need to be guarded against!

3. What can you do as an individual to grow in right worship? What can you do as a family? What can you do as a CG?

- What can you do to regain the right attitude in worship?
- What can you do to keep the right attitude in worship?