

03.03.2024 sermon by Pastor David K Park
Scripture : Malachi 1:8, Romans 12:1-2
Title : Have Resurrection Faith (3)
"Be a True Worshiper"

A preacher should practice what he preaches. Those who lead Bible studies should also live as they teach. Those who have the opportunity to teach the Word to a group as a district or missionary leader must make sure that their teaching and their lives are identical.

Even those of you who listen to the sermon do not know how important it is to try to live as you are told.

The first and second books of Samuel are written from the birth of Samuel to the end of King David's reign, and the first and second books of Kings are written from David's death to Solomon's enthronement and subsequent death. It covers 400 years of history.

Originally, 1 and 2 Kings were a single book. In writing the history of the kings, the focus is not on their political or military accomplishments, but on their obedience or disobedience to God's Word as seen through the eyes of the prophets. This is the Deuteronomistic view of history.

How to make sure your worship is true worship?

1. When you worship God, give generously.

Solomon's sacrifice was a burnt offering. A burnt offering is an offering of something of value. It is a sacrifice made by bringing a living sacrifice to the altar.

Always give God your best, with all your heart, and generously.

What does it feel like to meet God?

I want your joy and excitement from God's presence with you to overflow in your heart so that those who meet you will feel the same grace.

The more generous you are with God, the more grace you receive. I encourage you to put this into practice.

2. Do it with a sense of 'with God and before God'.

This is worship that should be applied to all of our lives.

With God = cum Deo

Before God = coram Deo

The above two things are the secret of David's conformity to the character of God.

Solomon's words in verse 1 ;

Solomon had a father-in-law and son-in-law relationship with Pharaoh. The result of an arranged marriage. Israel was at its strongest during the time of David and Solomon, and the fact that they were able to intermarry with Egypt is proof of that. The temporary home of Solomon's wife, the daughter of Pharaoh, is in the City of David, the ancient city of Jerusalem. The Palace (House of Cedar) of David is where the ark of the Lord was located. His wife was not entitled to live in the Palace of David. "The servant (I am) a little child"

May our worship and life always be 'with God' and 'before God'

3. Make worship a priority.

Imitate Abraham, who built an altar everywhere he went.

Abraham built an altar wherever he had a new dwelling.

Is the Christian faith like a talisman that you can wear that will stop all calamities, heal your sickness, and keep you from the next accident? (pause) That is not faith. That's not the Christian faith we're talking about. Christian faith in Jesus Christ is a very dynamic thing that transforms your character and brings about concrete changes in your life.

Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings.

It's not clear whether the number 1,000 is a quantity or a number of times. It is clear that it was a huge amount. (thousand burnt offerings)

Burnt offerings were sacrifices made when a person wanted to establish a normal relationship with God. It was a voluntary offering that anyone could make. The 1,000 burnt offerings may not have been 1,000 sacrifices, but rather the sacrifices of 1,000 animals.

One interpretation is that it would have taken at least seven or eight days. (J Hammond)

Embrace the blessings that are given to worshipers. Live your faith by demonstrating faithfulness in your life.

The "heart of wisdom" Solomon sought was a "heart of listening". Practice the discipline of listening in all your conversations.

'Listening' also means 'to obey'. Luther translated it as 'an obedient heart' in his translation.

The title of Solomon's prayer was pleasing to God (God was pleased).

This is the right kind of sacrifice (worship).

As a result, God actually supplied what was not asked for. This is God's grace to the worshiper. He gave riches and glory as an added bonus.

Amen. The end of 03.03.2024 sermon