

The Heart of Worship (Part # 1)

John 4:32

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Key Truth: This series is about a certain kind of worshipper: unquenchable, undone, undignified, unpredictable, unveiled, unstoppable, unnoticed, undivided, unsatisfied, and unending.

Key Truth: Worship of God is not performance or entertainment. Worship is about God, to God, and for God.

What is worship? Worship means to bow down; to kiss the feet of; to place on a pedestal. Worship is “every fiber of my being, focused on every aspect of God, in order to give Him honor and glory.”

Characteristics of a True Worshipper

1. Unquenchable Worshipper (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2)

Paul and Silas (Acts 16)

Principle: We can always find a reason to praise. Situations change for better and for worse, but God’s Word never changes.

Principle: When we are content it fuels the heart with endless reasons to praise God.

Principle: I long for worship that can never be extinguished (Song of Solomon 8:6, 7).

Three Fire Extinguishers

- First, just as water can put a fire out, so too the trials of this life can dampen our hearts of worship.
- The second way to extinguish a fire is to cut off the oxygen.
- The third way of stopping a fire is to cut off the fuel it thrives on.

The Psalms have in fact been described as “praise in the presence or perceived absence of God.”

Laments are the worship songs of a broken heart.

The laments are really expressions of praise-praised offered in a minor key in the confidence the Yahweh is faithful (Psalm 89:1, 49).

Principle: Whatever trials lie ahead in this life, unquenchable worshippers are filled with a song of undying worship on their lips (Psalm 122:1; 31:5).

2. Undone Worshipper (Isaiah 6:1-3).

Principle: God desires a broken and dependent heart (Psalm 51:17).

Principle: Sometimes we find we strayed off course, and God has to shake us up to get us back on the right path (Jonah 1:9; 2:7, 9).

Principle: As a child of God, I am indispensable. There could never be another me – a child is irreplaceable.