

WORSHIP SACRIFICES

The High Cost of Following Jesus - A Price Worth Paying

Luke 9:18-36 | March 21, 21 | Pastor Lonnie Harris

There is a high cost in following Jesus:

- Denying yourself
- Taking up your cross daily
- Losing your life for Christ's sake

...but it is a price worth paying because of:

- Who He Is (The Son of Man - God's Glorious Messiah)

- What He Did (He laid down his life as an atoning sacrifice for us)

- What He Gives (He Gives Us Himself In Full Glory & His Glorious Kingdom)

Therefore, in view of Christ's Glory, and His wonderful acts on our behalf, let us offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is our spiritual act of worship. (Rom 12:1)

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Meditate throughout this series on Psalms 90-106

Pray throughout this series for...

1. God to show us His glory
2. God to grow us as worshippers who glorify Him in spirit and truth
3. God to lead and provide for our worship ministry
 - Read *Your Glory* by Pastor Phil Powers – consider reading one chapter each week of this series!
 - Read *Becoming a True Worshipper* by Tom Kraeuter



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Definition of Worship - A whole-life response (head, heart, hands) to & for God that is appropriate & reasonable in view of His glorious perfections & His wondrous acts. (See Rom 12:1)

1. Consider the definition for worship above. How would you add to it, revise it, apply it? What does that look like for you?
 - In your entertainment choices & hobbies
 - In your tithes & offerings
 - In your daily habits & spiritual disciplines
 - In your general work ethic
2. How would you fill in the blank of this worship "formula" below?
In view of God's (name one of God's glorious perfections/attributes, or one of His wondrous acts), My act of worship is (name an appropriate response)
3. What songs on your playlist or radio help you draw near to God and Worship Him?
4. Are we asking people to follow Jesus mainly so they can receive his benefits? And even if we are, is there anything wrong with that motivation? Explain your answer.
5. How does the self-sacrifice and self-denial in Luke 9:23 differ from self-harm?
6. How is self-sacrifice and self-denial an act of worship?
7. Jesus asked his disciples - "who do you say that I am?" How do you answer that question in terms of your personal experience with Jesus, and how that experience aligns with His revealed character in God's Word?