

# Church of Christ

## ... Heart to Heart ...

It seems that at times, people are more interested in worship that moves us than the God to whom we are to offer our worship. Whenever “moving worship” is the focus, the heart that should be moved to worship is lost. What are many looking for to motivate them? A special song service? Pictures on a screen to impact us? Maybe we need to ask, do we have the life of God?

King Uzziah was the king of Israel. He was loved by the people, praised by the nations, and his heart grew proud. He decided he would approach God in worship his own way. The reply came from the priest, “...for you have been unfaithful, and will have no honor from the Lord.” (II Chron. 26:18) The Lord was not going to honor the worship given because it was done according to King Uzziah’s way!

Whenever people see God as God, His awesome power and authority, reverence will move the heart. When one recognizes the mercy and holiness of God, worship will take place out of gratitude and love. True worship is not orchestrated or made to be what you want it to be. It comes from a heart, moved by a loving Savior, grateful for what He has done.

The sailors that threw Jonah overboard, and watched the sea immediately become calm, learned about the mercy of God that day, and out of reverence for His awesome power immediately offered sacrifices of worship to Him (Jonah 1:16)

When Moses encountered God on the mountain, God passed by in front of him declaring His holiness. “Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.” (Ex. 34:8) Nothing planned, nothing thought out about “moving worship, but a heart moved by the holiness and awesome presence of God.

Noah came out of an ark, recognizing God had spared his life along with his family. He worshipped from a touched heart!

True worshipers of God, acceptable worshipers, concern themselves with God and His presence. It’s not a controlled “pep rally” atmosphere but a heart moved by the mercies of God, offering to God what He desires. True worship is showing “*gratitude to God with acceptable service with reverence and awe.*”(Heb. 12:28)

Maybe we need to ask why we assemble. Why are we really here? In that answer lays our heart and true motivation in our lives. It depends on whether or not you know you’re truly forgiven, having escaped the wrath of God through Jesus. Think about it!!!

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