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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

The Road Less Traveled (Mk 8:27-38)

#### PM Sermon

Life lessons from an Apostle - Peter

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

The Book of James – Paul Praschnik

#### **In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way**

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

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## The Oologah Informer September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

### Thoughts from the Preacher

#### **“You Will Never Know**

If you think you are always right,  
you will never know when you are wrong.

If you think you are never wrong,  
you will never know how to get right with God.

### Weekly Article

#### **Worship, Misconceptions**

##### **Part 1**

By Eugene Jenkins

Psalm 42:1, 2 speaks to the fact that humans have an instinctive desire to worship. “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God...”.

Let us take special notice that the writer says he was seeking for the “...living God...” (v. 2). Surely, it is He whom each of us should seek to worship. Yet, we recognize many throughout the world worship gods that are manufactured by man, being deceived thereby.

Paul warns us concerning such deception in Colossians 2:8. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” Recognizing the need to worship the one true and living God, we turn our minds to the worship that is to be offered. What kind of worship do you offer God? Is it the kind:

- 1) With which God is pleased?
- 2) For Which He asks?
- 3) That is acceptable to Him?

Or does any of this matter?

- 1) Does He have a preference?
- 2) Does He ask for, or even demand, certain avenues of worship?
- 3) Are there efforts at worship that He rejects?

The answer, as to whether it matters or not, is clearly seen in the following few verses! The first is John 4:24- “God {is} a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship {him} in spirit and in truth.” This verse clearly teaches that if one is to worship God faithfully, he must have a proper attitude, and that attitude must be based on truth (John 17:17; II Timothy 2:15; 3:16, 17). [A failure to base every aspect of our worship on “truth”, will result in vain worship!] The second is Matthew 7:21-23-

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Please notice these important points from this text:

- 1) Not all who claim to follow and worship Christ are accepted of Him!
- 2) Therefore there is vain (profitless) worship.
- 3) Such worship is considered by Christ as “work of iniquity”.
- 4) Those who offer such, regardless of sincerity, are not even “known” by Christ.

These inspired declarations clear things up very quickly for those who have studied them, and properly discerned. Yet, there are many who still have misconceptions concerning acceptable worship. It is to a discussion of three of these misconceptions that we now turn our attention.

### ALL LIFE IS WORSHIP

There are those who, wanting to make worship more modern and appealing, declare that “all of life is worship”. If this claim is true, one would not have to be concerned at all about any type of “formal” worship; he could simply follow his desires, wherever they might lead. Yet, a short study of God’s word shows the error of this claim. Please seriously consider the following examples.

Matthew 7:21-23, which we considered earlier, shows clearly that “all life is worship” is a false concept. If all of life is worship, why would their “... many wonderful works...” be rejected? Would it not be because they were “wonderful” only to those who were offering them; not to God! Remember, He did not even “recognize” them.

When Abraham, responding to God’s directions, went to the land of Moriah to offer Isaac as a burnt offering, he said to his young men, “...Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you” (Genesis 22:1-13). If all of life is worship, what would he mean by such a statement? There surely would not have been a need to go elsewhere to worship, since they would have been in the constant act of worship.

Philip approached a man from Ethiopia, as he rode in his chariot, and taught him of Christ (Acts 8:26-39). Where had this nobleman been? Jerusalem. Why had he gone there? To Worship God! Surely, this Ethiopian did not believe all of life was worship, or else he surely would not have taken the long ride to Jerusalem. Philip, the inspired speaker, succeeded in teaching this man of Christ, and he obeyed the saving Gospel, being baptized for the remission of sins. Yet, nowhere did he even imply that all of life is worship! (What an opportunity he missed, if such were the case.)

Paul tarried seven days in Troas to be able to worship with the saints upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:6, 7). Surely, if all of life is worship, he would not have waited so long. Why then did he tarry? He tarried because he could not have worshiped with them, concerning all of the elements of worship, without doing so.

A little common sense reasoning is often what is needed. This is the case here. Considering the fact that God has never accepted the whims of man, is it not foolish to think the daily routines we encounter are worship? We ask, is one worshiping God when he takes a shower, or uses the rest room, etc.? Surely not! Yet this would be the case if all life is worship. Some advocates of this concept may declare, “that is not what we mean”. Yet, these are some of the daily acts of life. Therefore, if “all life is worship,” these would have to be included!

**Part 2 next week.**

