

DAVID'S SECRET TO UPLIFTING WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION:

- A. David was a man after God's own heart, 1 Samuel 13:14.
- B. David considered worshipping God very important.
- C. From a verse in the Psalms we can see DAVID'S SECRETS TO UPLIFTING WORSHIP: "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Psalm 5:7

I. DAVID CONSIDERED UPLIFTING WORSHIP TO BE A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

- A. Notice the phrase "But as for me."
- B. This is similar to what Joshua said in *Joshua 24:15* – "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
 - 1. Joshua wasn't going to depend on others for his faithfulness.
 - 2. David did not depend on others to make his worship worthwhile.
- C. Worship is what YOU make of it.
 - 1. Many put so little into preparation and participation in worship that they get very little out of it.
 - 2. Leaders in the service bear a responsibility in making worship uplifting.
 - 3. But most unfulfilling worship is due to how little the participants put into it.

II. DAVID'S WORSHIP WAS DRIVEN BY GRATITUDE.

- A. David came to worship considering "the multitude of Your mercy."
- B. Worship and thanksgiving go hand in hand:
 - 1. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." **Psalm 100:4.**
 - 2. "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." **Hebrews 13:15.**
- C. Are you thankful to the Lord for what He has done?
- D. Or do you take His blessings for granted?
- E. That might explain why your zeal for worship has died down.

III. DAVID EXPRESSED PROPER FEAR OF THE LORD.

- A. David worshiped "in your fear."
- B. The secret is not in NEW INNOVATIONS nor "CONTEMPORARY" worship services.
- C. Besides the fact that these often include man-made innovations, they can only satisfy us for a while and then we will look for something else new.
- D. The "fire" behind real worship is deep seated awe at how great is our God!

- E. We must approach Him in reverence. **NOT like a funeral home.**
- F. Things must be done “decently and in order,” (1 Corinthians 14:10), but we should be glad and happy to be present in the worship service – **Psalms 122:1** “I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

IV. DAVID KNEW THAT GOD IS THE OBJECT OF OUR WORSHIP.

- A. David said he would worship “toward Your holy temple” – meaning toward God Himself.
- B. Too many worship trends are geared toward man, not God.
- C. But remember what Jesus commanded that worship is to be directed toward God, **John 4:24** “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- D. HE is the audience. While we DO BENEFIT from worship, it is directed toward HIM.

CONCLUSION:

- A. If we will apply David’s methods to our worship, we will see positive changes:
 - 1. The singing will be more joyful.
 - 2. The Lord’s Supper will mean more.
 - 3. We will pray fervently.
 - 4. We will give cheerfully.
 - 5. Sermons will be more inspiring.
- B. Let’s give it a try.

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