

Zoe!
Part 11: The Will to Surrender!
Slide Notations

“The hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth...”

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4.23,24

Jesus is speaking and He is the best example of what it means to worship God in spirit and truth!

Jesus... Didn't talk about worship... He lived a life of worship... Completely *surrendered* to the sovereign will of His Father!

Jesus Worshipped in Spirit... Independent of temporary mental assent/physical posture of religious rituals of men... *Ushering in a whole new form of worship! Not one day/during service, out of the building – always connected/heart!*

Jesus... Worshipped in Truth... Not only according to “the word of truth” Prescribed forms of worship... But in the light of reality/truth! “*Surrendered* unto death!” Proskuneo: to bow before, to prostrate oneself in homage/reverence! “Not My will but Yours be done!” Model of all who worship in Spirit and Truth...

Us... In Spirit... Beyond “grooving” in the flesh... *Only Spirit and soul transcend earth!* Flesh part is for us/but if it's only flesh it's only singing/playing... “willies” just a foretaste of future! Beyond “singing” in the church... Wherever you are, there you are, to present your devotion to Him... “Father seeking those who are willing to worship Him wherever they are!”

Us... In Truth... All of us receive the same salvation... All of us have the same Holy Spirit... Vast differences in the way we understand worship and respond to God! Huge gap between those who “do worship...” those who are worshippers! One is lips and one is life! *One is measured and one is surrendered!*

When we left last week we were talking about the facet we cut... surrender! Thought some would say “discipline or discipleship;” *following a course of values and aspirations for a lifetime!*

Asides... We issue a clear call to discipleship... But not the same as regimented/habitual! Compulsives are that... no benefit... We want to be “Relentless people. Monomaniacal; unbending, unfading focus on the mission. Not over reactive to events. *No leaping for distracting, irrelevant opportunities.* Capable of intense perseverance, unyielding in their standards, *no overreaching...*” like Jesus!

That is discipleship that comes from surrender not from self-governed habits!

Thought some would say “discipline or discipleship;” *following a course of values and aspirations for a lifetime!*
Thought some would say “salvation!” Can get people to heaven w/o anything else... but must have “salvation!”
Some said: love, compassion, service...

And we are about all those things and more but our good works should stem from surrender to God not from our preferences!

If we surrender to God we will do all those things and more and have phenomenal rewards for our labors...

But we don't do what we do because we pressed the “like” button... but because we are partakers of the divine nature of our great God!

Surrendering ourselves... Do we understand it as an act of true worship? Like Jesus: Man of favor/power w/God! Legion of angels for the asking! NO! Man of favor/influence w/people... Sought after partner, counselor, judge, ...mate! NO! *Need to know because He was in all points tempted and tested like us... And yet He remained surrendered! H4.15*

Surrendering ourselves... Do we understand it as an act of true worship? Like Paul: man of position and learning! Lean on it? NO! **Phil 3.1-8 1C9.1-22** Kept himself under! **1C9.27 R6.19** Like Timothy: young lion/lots of time/ position! Indulge himself? NO! **2T2.22**

How about us? Willing to surrender to God/not indulge ourselves? Sexual partner, prosperity, acceptance?

Do we have the will to really, in spirit and truth, surrender ourselves to God?

There was a time to speak, understand and think as a child, but there comes a time to put away childish things!

There was a time to deal with the elemental things of this life but there comes a time to move up, ahead and beyond!

What it looks like... “Relentless people. Monomaniacal; unbending, unfading focus on the mission. Not over reactive to events. No leaping for distracting, irrelevant opportunities. Capable of intense perseverance, unyielding in our standards, no overreaching...” *Like Jesus!* You, me, reaching out to our families and friends with a sense of urgency! *Like Jesus!*

We are living in a time when it’s important to live for the people God has placed in our lives... to be certain of their salvation!

It’s important to know it’s okay to alter *your* course, to live for others in this short season of life, without fear!

Step back, take a look, come alive in Christ, live like Him, live for others, because we have all the time in eternity to really live it up!