

**“GOD’S THOUGHTS & GOD’S WAYS:
PART 1; WORSHIP”**

A MAJOR ADJUSTMENT:

- We must see our life from God’s perspective (Is. 55:8-9).
- *You were made by God and for God* (Ro. 11:36).
 - You were created for His pleasure (Ps. 37:23; 104:31;149:4; Eph. 1:5).
 - You were created to live to bring Him glory (Jn. 17:4).
 - Life’s purpose begins with God, not you!
 - You can bring pleasure and glory to God!

WORSHIP:

- Bringing pleasure and glory to God is called worship (Jn 4:23-24).
 - It is not for your own benefit.
- Worship is not a part of your life, it is your life! (1Cor. 10:31)
 - Every activity, *except sin*, can be an act of worship when we do it for the glory and pleasure of God.
 - When we do sin, confession, repentance and receiving His forgiveness is our response of worship.

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP:

- It is not just an expression of words, songs, rituals, traditions or church services (Is. 29:13).
 - God is looking for *WORSHIPERS*, not occasional worship.
- Worship is what and who you give your life to and for (Ro. 12:1).
 - It is our response to all that God has done for us.
 - “...give your bodies to God...”; every part of our lives is lived through our bodies.
- Worship is a living and holy sacrifice.

- In the O.T. sacrifices were always the very best of what a person had and the first of any economic increase. God does not just want your leftovers.

BECOMING A WORSHIPER:

- Bring to mind all that God has done for you. Remember, remember, remember, remember.....
 - Begin each day by filling your heart with thanksgiving and praise.
- Practice daily surrender of your life to God.
 - This is the real heart of worship.
 - Surrender is progressive, not a one-time emotional response.
- Practice a new mindset.
 - How can I bring pleasure and glory to God today?
 - In every activity I am engaged in.
 - In every relationship.

WORSHIP TRANSFORMS:

- It brings freedom from being self-focused.
- You can more easily let go of the need to control your life and the lives of others.
- It will bring peace to your heart and freedom from stress and anxiety.
- It opens your heart to love God more.