

01.05.14 Small Group Questions, Dale Oquist teaching
On Mission: Loving God (The Mission and Vision of Peoples Church)
Leviticus 9

Getting Started

What are your thoughts as to why Peoples Church exists? Why your small group exists?

*What are your thoughts about worship? Why we do it, how we do it or to whom we do it?
(HINT: this is not about style or taste but the deeper more important issue of the heart,
intention, or purpose behind worship.)*

To what, or whom, do you give your time, thoughts and talents? Explain your answer

Looking Back

Why we exist as a church and to what purposes are we dedicated as a church is emphasis of this series.

PC vision statement: "Helping people see God and participate in His redemptive story."

- How we do that is through our five-fold purpose:
 - **Five colors/Five-fold purpose:**
 1. Purple: Loving God
 2. Yellow: Loving others
 3. Blue: Loving culture
 4. Green: Loving truth
 5. Orange: Loving sacrifice

Loving God by responding to Him through worship.

God is not indifferent about our worship. It is not optional. It's not just about preaching, or hearing the Word.

All of life flows from worship.

Your worship is evident to everyone. Question is how and of who we worship?

Your treasure is what you give time, talents and thoughts to. T=T³

We are created to worship!

- Leviticus 9—an order of sacrifices is laid out. It is a bloody depiction of worship.
- Hebrews 10 :1-4 all the OT sacrifices are about the great things that are coming

Order of sacrifices:

1. Sin offering
2. Burnt (ascension offering)
3. Peace/fellowship offering

This order showed a life shaped by worship of God:

1. Sin offering--some offered inside at the altar and some outside the camp
 - a. Jesus taken and sacrificed outside the city; alienated so we could be restored.
 - b. It starts with cleansing, my life is cleansed!

What does the sin offering of Jesus mean to us? To our worship?

2. Burnt offering: blood is placed on the side of the altar. The sacrifice is rearranged so it is not recognizable as it was--it is piece by piece.
 - a. Hebrews 4:12 is OT language in NT. It arises as an aroma pleasing to the Lord
 - b. It is about consecration
 - c. It is about change

What is the impact of this offering to our lives? To our worship?

3. Peace offering
 - a. Lev 3:3 = bring a food offering; 7:15 = God consumes one part and we consume a part of it.
 - b. This is to be a part of the common meal: God and believer eating together.
 - c. It ends with communion with God--being in literal, or real fellowship with Him.

How is the peace offering important to our worship?

This is the pattern of a life of worship of God.

Ex 24:9-11

They (Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and 70 elders) ate and drank with God as he descended to meet with them because He called them there. In OT only some could go part way to God and only one could go all the way. In the NT it is different.

The tabernacle was a portable Mount Sinai, where the presence of God was. In the NT, we have the presence within us. We are walking around tabernacles of his presence? We are portable!

The movement of worship:

1. Sins are forgiven
2. Lives are changed
3. (Now there is) Communion with God

Hebrew. 6:20 Jesus is forerunner who enters into the real, literal presence of God. If forerunner then there are "after runners." They are you and me; we get to go into the presence of God! We are invited into the literal Holy of holies! It becomes a living room to us!

- Is God less holy because we are in his presence? NO! We go in because of the blood of Jesus (the Lamb slain for us).
- It's awkward when invited to a meal and someone at the table doesn't eat! If we choose to not worship it is the same as someone not eating at the table—we are in the presence of God and doing nothing?

How can this describe, or be an example of our worship? OR: How does the attitude of not doing anything during corporate worship describe your worship?

We respond to God by our worship!

Lives are changed and His presence is open to us! SO DO SOMETHING! WORSHIP HIM!

Ex. 24:1 *come up the mountain of the Lord and worship him!*

Moving Forward

How did this teaching call you to account for your attitude toward worship?

What did you learn from this teaching that is freeing for you in your worship?

How can we pray for you this week?