

Devotion Info
Worship Defined

DAY 1: Read 1 Peter 2:1-2, 5-10

[1] So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. [2] Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, …

[5] And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. [6] As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." [7] Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." [8] And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

[9] But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. [10] "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

1 Peter 2:1-2, 5-10 NLT

- What are the acceptable characteristics of worship that we can discern from Nehemiah 9, and how can we apply these characteristics to our spiritual lives?

Application:

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DAY 2: Read Nehemiah 9:1-6

[1] On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. [2] Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. [3] They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. [4] The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Kenani—stood on the stairway of the Levites and cried out to the Lord their God with loud voices.

[5] Then the leaders of the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—called out to the people: "Stand up and praise the Lord your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!" Then they prayed: "May your glorious name be praised! May it be exalted above all blessing and praise!

[6] "You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.
Nehemiah 9:1-6 NLT

- Why is the confession of sin so important in understanding and participating in genuine worship?

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DAY 3: Read Nehemiah 9:3 & James 1:22-23

[3] They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God.
Nehemiah 9:3 NLT

[22] But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. [23] For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.
James 1:22-23 NLT

- How do you respond to the statement, "Acceptable worship includes hearing and responding to the Word of God"?

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DAY 4: Read Psalms 95:1-8

[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. [2] Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. [3] For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. [4] He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. [5] The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. [6] Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, [7] for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. If only you would listen to his voice today! [8] The Lord says, "Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah, as they did at Massah in the wilderness.
Psalms 95:1-8 NLT

- What is your role and motivation in worship?

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Psalms 95:1-8 NLT

- When is the last time that worship changed your posture? Can you explain why it did?

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