

## **Keeping Your Worship Genuine**

Genuine = possessing the claimed or attributed character, quality, or origin; not counterfeit; authentic; real, free from pretense, affectation, or hypocrisy; sincere, descended from the original stock; pure in breed:

Worship = prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):

John 4:23-24 - Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Lev. 9:24 - Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

### **1. Genuine worship has no ulterior motive!**

### **2. Genuine worship is the atmosphere of Heaven!**

Rev 4:10a - the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever.

### **3. Genuine worship is self emptying, or emptying of self!**

Rev 4:10b -11 - They lay their crowns before the throne and say:"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Mark 14:3-9

3. While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard (oil). She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

4. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"

5. It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

6. "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

7. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

8. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.

9. I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

#### **4. Genuine worship is costly!**

Mark 14:5a - It could have been sold for more than a year's wages

1 Chr. 21:19-24

19. So David went up in obedience to the word that Gad had spoken in the name of the LORD.

20. While Araunah (Arnav) was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel; his four sons who were with him hid themselves.

21. Then David approached, and when Araunah (Arnav) looked and saw him, he left the threshing floor and bowed down before David with his face to the ground.

22. David said to him, "Let me have the site of your threshing floor so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped. Sell it to me at the full price."

23. Araunah (Arnav) said to David, "Take it! Let my lord the king do whatever pleases him. Look, I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give all this."

24. But King David replied to Araunah (Arnav), "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."

#### **5. Genuine worship is keeping priorities straight!**

Mark 14:7 - The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

#### **6. Genuine worship will cause some people to talk against you!**

Mark 14:4-5 - Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

2 Sam. 6:14-22

14. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might,  
15. while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

16. As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

17. They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

18. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty.

19. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

20. When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

21. David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel--I will celebrate before the LORD.

22. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

## **7. Genuine worship is not an experience, but a lifestyle!**

Matt 15:7-9 - You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain...

Vain = fruitless manipulation, for no legitimate purpose.

## **8. Genuine worship always exposes vain worship or religion!**

Religion = going through the religious motions without a heart for God in it.

The last part of Mark 14:3 says, "She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head."