


UNRAVELED: Worship is...


Romans 12:1-2

Worship is **MOTIVATED** by an awareness of God's **MERCY**.


 Romans 12:1a (NIV) "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy..."


 Daniel 9:9 (NIV) "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him."

 Psalm 103:10 (NIV) "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."


 Psalm 130:3-4 (NIV) "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared."


Worship is **ACTIVATED** by an act of personal **SACRIFICE**.


 Romans 12:1b (NIV) "...offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."


 Romans 6:13 (NIV) "Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness."

Worship is **PRACTICED** by a decision to stop **CONFORMING**.

 Romans 12:2 (NIV) "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

 Luke 12:15 (NLT) "...life is not measured by how much we own."

 Romans 12:2 (again)

 Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- **Celebrating God**
- Teaching the Word of God

What is your definition of worship? What does the Bible say worship is? Why is it important to view God's mercy? In what ways has God been merciful toward you? Is your life a life of self-sacrifice? In what ways are you allowing yourself to conform to the pattern of this world? What kind of changes need to take place in your life?

