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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD - Matt. 4:8-10

Intro: This has to be very important to God, and its neglect essential to the downfall of man, for Satan to be concerned about it even with the Lord Jesus!

Satan wanted the Lord Jesus to worship Him.

What does worship mean?

Basically here it means submission, or surrender. It meant putting the Lord under the authority of Satan.

The Lord's response is very helpful for us:

- 1) He took Satan to the Scriptures.
- 2) He showed him that man was commanded to worship God. Failure to do so is sin of the worst kind.
- 3) The Scriptures also taught that only God was to be worshipped.

But worship also has a more joyous side to it, a delightful aspect. Psalm 95 is a key Psalm, calling us to worship. It means adoration, thanksgiving, singing, praying. It is not something external only, but it must come from the heart. The Lord in John 4:23 said that the Father was seeking true worshippers.

But what is it that makes us worshippers?

The passage from which the Lord quoted (Deut 6:16) gives us some significant answers.

We can start with v. 4.

I. In order to worship God we must begin by getting to know Him - a life-long objective. Actually it is an inexhaustible goal. But how delightful it is.

Begin with His names.

Study His attributes.

Learn about His works.

Fill your heart with the Word - the revelation of God!

Study theology. You will find that you do not have a lot of company, but you might start something.

II. The second point will almost follow without instruction. Cf. Deut. 6:5.

We are to love the Lord supremely - more than anyone else

If we do so, we will trust Him,

think about Him,

want to be with Him,

worship Him.

III. The third part has to do particularly with the day to day use of the Word. Cf. Dt. 6:5-9.

Note, <sup>that</sup> it not only has to do with ourselves, but primarily with our children, our homes, our conversation throughout the day.

IV. The fourth part is to remember that our daily blessings come from the Lord. See Deut. 6:10-15.

V. The fifth part is to obey the Word - because this is right in the Lord's sight. It is what pleases Him. See Deut. 6:16-19.

vi. The last point has to do with the fact of our salvation - which was a work He did for us by Himself. See Deut. 6:20-23.

Concl: Note the benefits which come from such worship:

- 1) It is for our good (v. 24).
  - 2) It is our righteousness - measuring up to what we should be before the Lord (v. 25).
- Follow this plan and you will begin to know what worship is.