

# Closing the Spiritual Gap

## SERMON NOTES

Week 1 February 6, 2022

“Praise the Lord”

Proverbs 21:3; John 1:29; Hebrews 10:1, 3–4;  
Romans 12:1



### I. Ancient Worship

- A. Worship is to recognize something's \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Worship for ancient people revolved around the idea of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The Jewish God was more concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ than with sacrifice.

### II. Atonement for Sin

- A. Israel's sacrificial system was designed to make atonement for \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jewish worship was essentially a temporary fix for a problem that required an ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Jesus came to fulfill and replace the entire \_\_\_\_\_ worship system.

### III. Christian Worship

- A. Christian worship is a time to \_\_\_\_\_ the sacrifice that had been made on our behalf.
- B. Christian worship is a time of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In worship, we remember and celebrate what Christ did for us and \_\_\_\_\_ to what his love for us requires of us.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *February 7-12, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

Since the beginning of time, humans have offered their crops, their animals, even their children as sacrifices to the gods. Until... two thousand years ago—in a shocking reversal—God offered a sacrifice to us. Understanding the magnitude of what God did for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus should elicit a response. But what should that response be and what does it mean for our spiritual growth?

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### Monday: Proverbs 21:3, Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:9-13.

Worship for ancient people revolved around the idea of sacrifice. They offered their crops, their animals, even their children as sacrifices to the gods. But the God of the Jewish people was more concerned about obedience than sacrifice. Israel's sacrificial system was designed to make atonement for sin. What does it mean for you that God desires mercy not sacrifice?

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### Tuesday: John 1:29-31

John the Baptist was proclaiming that Jesus had come to fulfill and replace the entire sacrificial system. During the message, Pastor Eric said "Christian worship is a **time to remember** the sacrifice that had been made on our behalf." Is this the primary reason that you worship? If not what is the primary reason you worship?

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### Wednesday: Psalm 150

Do you think of Christian worship as a time of celebration? Why or why not?

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### Thursday: Romans 12:1-2

We remember and celebrate what Christ did for us and submit to what his love for us requires of us. Worship isn't over when the service is over, we are to go and live in such a way that our lives reflect the extraordinary gift that God has given us in Christ. How do you personally respond to this gift from God?

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### Friday: Psalm 100

Psalm 100 is a song of praise that the ancient Israelites used in worship. What does Christian worship mean for you? When you come to worship are you more concerned about what you will get out of it, or what you are going to give to God?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Christian worship is a **time to remember** the sacrifice that had been made on our behalf. We don't gather to call God down. We gather because God already came down. Christian worship is also a time of **celebration**. It should be extremely emotional. It is why we sing. In worship, we remember and celebrate what Christ did for us and we **submit** to what his love for us requires of us. Worship isn't over when the service is over, we are to go and live in such a way that our lives reflect the extraordinary gift that God has given us in Christ. What is one thing you can do this week to respond to God's gift?

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) worth, B) sacrifice, C) obedience. IIA) sin, B) solution, IIC) sacrificial. IIIA) remember, B) celebration, C) submit..*