

Worship by Design: Context of Worship

Genesis 2:18-24; Ephesians 5:22-33; I Timothy 5:1-8

Created for Worship

- A. The Triune God is the Object of Worship
- B. The Triune God created all to spread the glory that is within the Trinity
- C. The Triune God has then re-created for the same end (the redeemed) – So, what then is the primary context for the spreading of the glory of God (the happiness within himself?) – Ephesians 1:3-14

Context of Worship

- A. The Family
 - a. Display of Intimacy with God (**Genesis 2:18-24**)
 - i. Man and woman (equal in dignity, complimentary in created purpose) – not co-dependency, rather completeness
 - ii. First covenant community (always familial)
 - 1. Marriage
 - 2. Abraham
 - 3. Christ and the Church
 - b. Display of God's Glory in the Gospel (**Ephesians 5:22-33**)
 - i. Familiar context for all time
 - 1. Abraham & Isaac (Genesis 22)
 - 2. Boaz & Ruth (Ruth 4)
 - 3. Hosea & Gomer (Hosea 3)
 - ii. Distinct roles
 - 1. Men – Spiritual headship with sacrificial leadership
 - 2. Women – Joyful submission with humble response
 - iii. Guard the context
 - 1. Guard your time – v.16

- a. Pray for wisdom
 - b. Order for God's Glory
 - 2. Guard your perspective
 - a. The Family of God
 - b. Spirit-filled worship
 - c. Appropriate submission (through 6:9)
 - d. Imaging Grace
 - 3. Guard your roles - Satan attacks roles to dismantle the gospel
 - a. Husbands / Fathers are to protect the most essential commandment for worship: There is ONE God!
 - b. Wives you are to pray for your husbands and encourage their leadership, not replace – this is regardless of personality types
 - 4. Guard your love - Practical protection of the marriage, therefore the gospel, therefore the glory of God spreading
 - a. Cherish
 - b. Respect

B. The Church: Family of Families

a. Household of Faith (**1 Timothy 5:1-8**)

- i. Adopted Children
 - 1. John 1:9-13
 - 2. Romans 8:12-17
- ii. "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9)
- iii. Like fathers, mothers, daughters & sons (1 John 2:7-17)
 - 1. Diverse
 - 2. Encouraging
 - 3. Equipped to battle the world's loves
- iv. Servant Leaders must be skilled with households
 - 1. Elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
 - 2. Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

b. Dwelling place for God (Ephesians 2:18-22)

- i. The Family as Tabernacle
- ii. The Purpose of Tabernacle

C. The Implications & Applications

- a. Worship begins at Home
 - i. If married, do you model Ephesians 5:22-33?
 - ii. Create a climate of worship...a God-centrality in the home! (Joshua 24:15)
 - iii. Start a Family worship time (insert, online, book)

- b. The Church is people who are Family
 - i. We should worship like Family (Matt.23:8-12)
 - 1. In Love & focus (we are diverse, with diverse tastes, but a singular focus – Passion statement)
 - 2. Encouragement
 - 3. Sit as families corporately (even younger children, train them)
 - 4. Adopt-a-Hog
 - ii. Do you look forward to gathering with your family regularly?
 - iii. Are you a part of the family of God? Are you an adopted child?

- c. Ephesians 3:14-21 Benediction