

## **The Worship the Creator Deserves**

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How thankful we should be for Divine revelation, especially that which concerns the nature of God Himself! When all of creation throughout the entire universe displays the infinite glory of God, it is man's sacred duty to acknowledge this fact. He must "give credit to whom credit is due," especially when thinking about the Source of his life. Honesty on his part is of supreme importance. In a very limited way, he is made in likeness to his Creator. This is an extremely high privilege, but it also has a high responsibility. Man must learn to live in harmony with his Maker! Man is 100% dependent upon God for his life, and has the responsibility of choosing His will. It is God's will that man live in righteousness and fellowship with Himself.

Because of God's glorious nature, there is no higher privilege than living with Him. The terrible sacrifice and suffering that He and His son suffered show the intensity of their love to gain our love and obedience. What more could they do for us? Our desire and choices mean everything to them. For people to be prepared to live in God's coming kingdom they must be ready when Christ returns. This means becoming like Christ today.

It is Christ's desire that we "deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him" (Matthew 16: 24). Then, when he is truly our leader, he will prepare us in accordance to the work that will be given to us at his return. Have we come to the place where we will let him do what he wants with us? It is a great matter to allow another person the privilege of doing whatever he wants to do with our life. We must come to the place in which we want what only he can do, and then turn our lives over to him making sure that what is done is actually his working. If we can't make this decision, then we believe that we can choose better than he can. We would not want to be left out when the time of testing comes and the co-workers with Christ are manifested. Christ is God's means of preparing us for eternity. He is the only way! If we don't want what he wants we will not be prepared.

“God now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30). If a person is honest he will see to it that the right source receives credit for what is done. All of creation proves that it has a Creator. Honesty requires that man acknowledge this, and give praise and thanks to God. Honesty requires the kind of worship that does justice to the true nature of Him who is the Source of all creation. This worship requires the greatest adoration possible that comes from the heart and is such that God be pleased by the faith, gratitude, and love that His children feel towards Himself.

In Deuteronomy 6:5 and 30:6 we read: “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and all thy might. And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live” (KJV). This was first taught to Israel by Moses. Is this our supreme desire? Does it have the first priority in all of our thinking?

The infinite wisdom and work of our Heavenly Father should create a humble, loving attitude of a young child in us. We are informed “except you become as a little child you will not enter into God’s kingdom” (Matthew 18:4). A small child walks with his hand in his parents hand fully confident that all is well. The child is trusting without any worry at all. The child is safe enjoying his father’s protection and love. Wouldn’t this make the father feel good? Don’t we want to please our Heavenly Father?

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