Sermon Outline

God-Pleasing Worship

Hebrews 13:15-16

Introduction: Revival at Asbury University – is God pleased?

Context: Hebrews 12:28-13:16 – εὐαρεστέω (euaresteó) *acceptable*

I. What makes worship unacceptable?

- 1. Worshipping false gods (demons) Ex 20:3, Dt 32:17, 1 Co 10:20, Col 3:5
- 2. Worshipping the true God in a wrong form Ex 20:4, 32:1-5
- 3. Worshipping the true God in a self-styled or carnal manner Jer 10:2, Dt 12:30-31, 2 Kings 17:33
- 4. Outwardly worshipping the true God, in His prescribed manner, but with a wrong heart Amos 5:21-23, Psalm 51:17

II. Two manners of acceptable worship

1. Verse 15: the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name

Singing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs – Eph 5:19 Speaking to (encouraging) one another – Ja 3:4-10, Col 4:6

2. Verse 16: do good and to share what you have

Faith-filled, God glorifying good works – Mt 5:16, Ph 4:18, 1 Pt 2:5, 11-18