

OUR CORE VALUES

love God by Worshipping God Personally

Review

- Love God
- by pursuing Him
- in the Word
- and prayer
- by worshipping Him
- corporately
- and personally

Hebrews 12:18-24

- For...
- the previous context of contrast between
the shadows of material stuff under the OC
and the real but spiritual realities of the NC
- you have not come...
- you have come...
- Mount Zion
- the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem

- an innumerable angels in festal gathering
- the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven
- to God, the judge of all
- the spirits of the righteous made perfect
- to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
- to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel
- Those under the OC lived in the dark shadow of Mt. Sinai while those under the NC live in the bright light of this Mt. Zion
- This is a scene that is playing out 24/7/52/∞
- This is a reality signal being sent out at all times, and to which we can become attentive and attuned
- It is by faith that these things become an active influence - Hebrews 11:1
- To this we “have come”

What is meant by worshipping God personally?

Worship is an attitude and activity. ~Ryken

A moment-by-moment walking in the presence of the infinite-personal God. ~Schaeffer

- Both at all times and at particular times – to remember, be aware of, and sensibly affected by the reality of what we have come to
- By personal I don't mean private
- It is necessary to cultivate this

What are some of the hindrances to personal worship? (vision blockers)

1. Spiritual deadness
2. Specific sin
3. Spiritual inattentiveness
4. Ignorance of the Truth

It is by personal worship that we grow in grace, have fellowship with God, fulfill the purpose of our creation and redemption, and experience a foretaste of the worship that is to come.

Application

- Is there something in particular that is hindering you from personal worship?
- What can you do, with the help of God, to address and make progress in personal worship?