

## Resolution

- I. *But I* — David resolves that whatever his enemies may do, he will worship God. It's his conviction and desire because God is both worthy of worship and commands that He be worshipped, Ex 20.3.
  - A. Many resolve to follow the crowd, and this often takes them away from the worship of God's house. But not David. He was resolved to worship God.
- II. Have you resolved to worship God regardless of what others do?
  - A. We must resolve, out of obedience and with delight, to worship God, regardless of what others think, say, or do.

## Foundation

- I. *Through the abundance of your steadfast love* — here David confesses that he's not drawing near to God on his own merit.
  - A. The foundation of his worship is the fact that God has come near to him in grace, love, and covenant commitment.
- II. You, too, must come to worship God upon no other basis than the reconciliation which Christ has worked for you by His cross, Rom 5.1; Eph 2.13.
  - A. Your access to God is only through Jesus Christ, Rom 5.2.
  - B. Only in Christ, can you enjoy a certain hope of being heard, accepted, and blessed by God in the worship of Him.
- III. On what basis have you come into God's presence for worship?
  - A. Have you come with an eye to the cross and righteousness of Christ? Have you come through the abundance of His steadfast love in Christ, Jn 14.6?

## Determination

- I. *I will enter your house* — despite the many excuses that might be given and the many engagements which bound him, David was determined that nothing would keep him from worship.
  - A. We allow many things to keep us out of the Lord's house.
    1. We should consider how this weakens our testimony, denies God's authority over us, is dishonoring to God, and harmful to our own souls (Ex 20.8-11).
  - B. David *determined* to worship God; and when hindered from doing so, he cried out with longing, Ps 42.1-2 (cf. Ps 84.1-2, 10).
- II. Public worship on the Lord's Day is the most important part of the Christian life, providing the 6 and 1 rhythm to how we're to live.
  - A. It's the centerpiece, hub, and heart of the Christian life.
  - B. And it's the centerpiece and heart of the Ten Commandments.
- III. Therefore we must beware of the strong temptation to follow the world in violation and neglect of the Lord's Day.
  - A. The world steals the Lord's Day for its own ends and will lead us, by any means, into neglecting the worship of our God.

- B. But God made the day for Himself and commands us to worship Him on it. The Lord's Day is, then, a test of our loyalty and love.
- C. Let us determine, as God's people, to worship God, recalling in the face of temptation the blessings which God only gives to Sabbath-keepers, Isa 58.13-14.

## Submission

- I. *I will bow down towards your holy temple* — David declared that he would worship with an eye to the place where God manifested His presence.
  - A. Likewise, our worship is to be offered with an eye to Jesus Christ, in whom God has manifested Himself to us, Jn 1.14; 14.9.
  - B. Worship through any other medium than Jesus is unacceptable.
- II. David's posture of submission is an acknowledgment of God's due and man's debt, which teaches us that worship is about paying homage to God and giving Him the glory due His name, Ps 96.8; Ps 95.6-7.
  - A. Christian worship isn't something that's regulated by *our* likes or dislikes. Rather, it's regulated by *God's* Word and offered according to *God's* commands, Dt 4.2; Ex 20.4-6; Ex 27.8. Worship is therefore to be God-centered, not man-centered.
- III. Christian worship is turned on its head when people treat it as something which is meant to entertain or in which we and our talents are to be the centerpiece.
  - A. Such worship distracts us from God and competes with the preaching of His holy Word.
  - B. David's submission teaches us that in Christian worship God is the centerpiece.
  - C. God and His Word are to be without competitor in His worship in order that His Word will be the lone centripetal force to draw out our affections and fix our minds, hearts, and praises on Him.

## Expression

- I. *In the fear of you* — David's assurance of God's grace doesn't produce presumption or irreverence. Instead, it lays the foundation for holy reverence in worship.
  - II. This teaches us that the worship of God is to be marked by reverence, Heb 12.28-29.
    - A. A holy reverence which arises from who He is and who we are.
    - B. Worship destitute of this reverence is presumptuous on man's part and unacceptable on God's part.
- Taking all this into account, we can see that Christian worship is the chief end of man (WSC Q.1). Let us, therefore, resolve and determine to worship God as He has commanded, as this alone will glorify God and do our souls good, Isa 58.13-14.