

Taking Worship Seriously **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

Main Point:

Take God and His worship seriously by listening intently, speaking sincerely, and keeping your promises to Him.

1. The worship of God is not to be taken lightly by you.
2. This means you should listen intently to God in worship.
3. This means you should speak sincerely to God in worship.
4. This means you should keep your promises to God in worship.
5. Therefore, give God the worship He deserves through Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 6:5 5 So I said: “Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” (NKJV)

Sidney Greidanus “Think of what you are about to do. You are not just dropping in on a neighbor for a friendly chat. You are not just passing time with a friend. You are going to ‘the house of God’. You are going to the place where the almighty Creator stoops down to meet with you.”

Philip Ryken “It is easy to let our thoughts wander, but hard for us to hear the voice of God. Like headless chickens, sometimes we go through the motions of worship without ever getting our minds engaged.”

Philip Ryken “Understand that whenever we go to worship, we enter the presence of a holy God who has gathered his holy people to hear his Holy Word. If we take this for granted, not listening to what God says, then the Bible says that we are guilty of great evil ...”

Charles Bridges “The fewness of the words is not the main concern; but whether they be the words of the heart.”

Matthew 15:7-8 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “It is not just our words that we owe to God but also our works. If we tell him we will do something ... then we need to do what we promised and pay what we owe.”

1 Peter 2:4-5 4 Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “When we consider the holiness of God and compare it with our own unholy worship, it is a wonder that any of us is still alive. Thank God for Jesus!”