

## Worship—Love Expressed

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### The Command to Worship: Honor 1:11; 2:1-2

Ps 19:1; 50:23; 135:5-7; Is 42:1; 43:7; 48:11; Rom 1:20-21; 4:20; 1 Co 10:31; Col 3:23. What does it mean to honor or glorify God's name? How can you do that in every area of your life? How do you think you honor or dishonor God's name?

### Evidence of Worthless Worship:

- Second Rate Offerings 1:6-9
- Impure and Broken Relationships 2:5-17
- Meager Giving 3:7-12
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How do we give second rate offerings to God? How do impure and broken relationships reveal a problem with worship (Mal 2:5-17; Mt 19:7-8; 1 Co 6:15-20; Gal 5:13-16)? How does financial giving reflect a heart of worship? What principles do you see about giving from 2 Co 8:1-5; 9:6-7? How might your disappointments, frustrations, or complaints with the church or your ministry reflect an unhealthy, self-focused ministry?

### The Cost of Worthless Worship: Access 1:12-14

How did God respond to their worthless worship (Ezek 10; Mal 1:10-14; 2:1-4; 3:1-5, 9)? How does God deal with believers today (Heb 12:9-11; Rev 2:1-5; 3:14-18)? How do you need to repent of worthless worship? Knowing we express love to what we value, how will you worship God this week?

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