

4. True worship has lasting SIGNIFICANCE.

"I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

1 Kings 8:13 | ESV

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29 | ESV

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1 | ESV

Lessons About Worship

1 Kings — Lessons from the Journey

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Thus all the work that King Solomon did on the house of the Lord was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, the silver, the gold, and the vessels, and stored them in the treasuries of the house of the Lord.

1 Kings 7:51 | ESV

Three Modes of Living Life:

Survival — Success — Significance

1. You should gather together with others.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem

1 Kings 8:1 | ESV

And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark,

1 Kings 8:5 | ESV

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 | ESV

2. True worship is about SEEING God.

Recognize God for who He is.

And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

1 Kings 8:10-11 | ESV

Then Solomon said, “The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

1 Kings 8:12 | ESV

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Psalms 97:2 | ESV

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29 | ESV

Remember what He has done for you.

And he said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to David my father, saying Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there.

1 Kings 8:15-16 | ESV

But you shall fear the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm. You shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice.

2 Kings 17:36 | ESV

3. True worship is about SERVING God.

Respond to God for who He is.

But the Lord said to David my father, ‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

1 Kings 8:18 | ESV

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 | ESV

Remember there is sacrifice in service

“...as the Lord promised, and I have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. And there I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

1 Kings 8:20-21 | ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1 | ESV